

Infection prevention and control –
the different perspectives



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Perspective

- Could mean
 - point of view
 - looking at the same thing from different angles
- Either way we are talking about the same thing
 - Protecting the vulnerable who are in our care
- So it will mean different things to each setting where care is provided; proportionality

HCAI Commissioning Perspective

- Until recently the focus to reduce HCAIs was mainly on acute care settings
- Focus shifting to a population approach
- Primary Care Trusts are responsible for HCAI targets and are responsible for commissioning safe and effective NHS services for their population. Robust contracts and performance monitoring
- There must be a joined up approach to commissioning all regulated care in collaboration with Local Authority colleagues
- Compliance with the Code of Practice across all regulated care providers will support the drive for improvements in quality and safety

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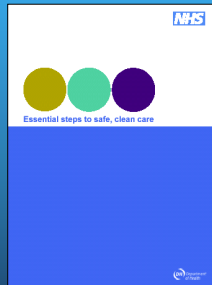
- A care home is the clients home
- A different setting for delivering care
- Focus on homely and holistic care
- Increased relative involvement

A care home is not an acute hospital

- The use of invasive devices is relatively low
 - although increasing
- The dependency of patients is varied
 - however is increasing
- So the challenge is to protect these vulnerable people, whilst they live in the environment in which they are comfortable
- Policies and procedures will be different, but must still reflect the principles of Infection Prevention and Control

What can help make a difference locally?

- Infection prevention is multifaceted
- Essential Steps - a framework to make infection prevention everyone's responsibility within the care home setting
- Supports the Code of Practice



Essential Steps to Safe, Clean Care

Elements of the programme includes ;

- **Strategic framework (challenges)** to help care homes to assess their performance & focus on risk areas and develop action plans
- **Operational tools (essential steps)** provides education and improve clinical reliability locally
- **Guidance documents**

Strategic Challenges

1. Engagement/Leadership
2. Service user journey
3. Policies and procedures
4. Audit
5. Education and Training
6. Environment
7. Medical devices



Strategic Challenges-considerations

- Engagement and Leadership
 - Collective responsibility
 - Nominated lead (DIPC)
 - Governance arrangements
 - Communication internally and externally

Service user journey

- Transfer procedure
- Individual patient risk assessment, patient placement and care plan

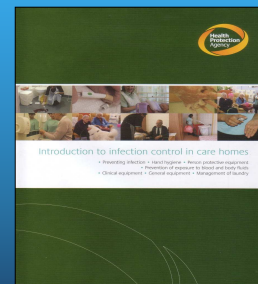
Strategic Challenges-considerations

- Policies and procedures
 - availability, dissemination, implementation and monitoring
- Audit
 - annual audit programme
 - review of action plans
 - communication with teams
 - audit tool - DH/IPS audit tool available shortly

Strategic Challenges-considerations

Education

- Infection prevention
- Hand hygiene
- Personal protective equipment
- Prevention of exposure to blood and body fluids
- Clinical equipment
- General equipment
- Management of laundry



Strategic Challenges-considerations

- Environment
 - Policies for a clean environment
 - Planning for refurbishment/alterations
 - Balancing home/ healthcare environment
 - Correct cleaning methods
 - Access to appropriate products
 - Laundry
- Medical devices
 - Correct use, decontamination

Operational tools

- Preventing the spread of infection
 - Urinary catheter care
 - Enteral feeding
- Review Tool
Certificates
Posters

Operational tools - risk elements and review tool



- Identifies specific elements within clinical procedures 'risk elements' to reduce the
- Review tool allows for monitoring of compliance and helps in identifying areas for action

Operational Tools - posters and certificates



Guidance

- Management of MRSA within the non-acute setting; a summary of best practice
- Collaborative working to reduce HCAI
- Inter-healthcare risk assessment form

All available on the DH Clean Safe Care web site

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