

Glossary of abbreviations and common terms

Abbreviation	Explanation
A&E	Accident & Emergency
ARC	Acute Response Centre (Health Protection Team)
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Groups
CCDC	Consultant in Communicable Disease Control
CDC	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
CDI	Clostridium difficile infection
CDR	Communicable Disease Report
CG	Clinical Governance
CIDSC	Centre for infectious Disease Surveillance and Control in Colindale
CJD	Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
CNS	Central nervous system
CQC	Care Quality Commission
CRCE	Centre for Radiation, Chemicals and Environmental Hazards
CRP	C-reactive protein - a protein produced in the liver which is raised when there is inflammation in the body, particularly in bacterial infections
CSF	Cerebro-spinal fluid
D&V	Diarrhoea and vomiting
DEFRA	Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DH / DoH	Department of Health
DNA	Deoxyriboneucleic acid
DoLS	Deprivation of liberty safeguards
DPH	Director of Public Health
DWI	Drinking Water Inspectorate
EA	Environment Agency
EH	Environmental Hazards
EHOs	Environmental Health Officers
FIO	Freedom of Information
FSA	Food Standards Agency
GI	Gastrointestinal
GP	General Practitioner
GRE	Glycopeptide resistant enterococci
GUM	Genitourinary Medicine
H&S	Health & Safety
H1N1	Influenza A virus
HBV	Hepatitis B virus
HCAI	Health care associated infection
HCV	Hepatitis C virus
HCW	Healthcare worker
Hib	Haemophilus influenzae type B
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
HPP	Health Protection Practitioner
HPT	Health Protection Team
HPV	Human papillomavirus
HPZ	HPZone (Health Protection Team zone – records)
HSE	Health & Safety Executive
HUS	Haemolytic uraemic syndrome
ICN	Infection Control Nurse
ICP	Integrated Care Pathways

ICT	Infection control team
iGAS	Invasive Group A Streptococcal Infections
IgG	Immunoglobulin class G
IPC	Infection Prevention & Control
LAs	Local Authorities
LRF	Local Resilience Forum
MERS-CoV	Middles East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus
MH	Mental Health
MHA	Mental Health Act
MRSA	Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
MSSA	Methicillin sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
NICE	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) NICE is an independent organisation responsible for providing national guidance on promoting good health and preventing and treating ill health.
NOIDS	Notification of Infectious Diseases Surveillance
OB	Outbreak
ONS	Office for National Statistics National body which collects and publishes national data about, for example, population and health.
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction - laboratory test that amplifies fragments of DNA to aid diagnosis where microbiological culture is difficult or impossible or for typing organisms
PEP	Post exposure prophylaxis
PH	Public Health
PHE	Public Health England
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PVL	Panton Valentine Leukocidin Staphylococcus Aureus Infection – (toxin produced by certain types of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>)
Rhinovirus	Common cold
RSV	Respiratory syncytial virus
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SARS-CoV-2	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 is the strain of coronavirus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
SCG	Strategic Coordinating Group
SOPs	Standard Operating Procedures
spp	Species - variants of an infectious disease
STAC	Scientific Technical Advice Cell
SWHPT	South West Health Protection Team – (covering Avon, Gloucester & Wilshire; Devon & Cornwall; Dorset & Somerset localities)
TB	Tuberculosis
VCJD	Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease
VHF	Viral haemorrhagic fever
VRE	Vancomycin-resistant Enterococci
VTEC	Verocytotoxin producing <i>Escherichia coli</i>
WHO	World Health Organisation