

Healthcare associated infection (HCAI) compendium of guidance and resources

This compendium collates current guidance, guidelines, policy and legislation, and other resources related to infection prevention and control (IPC) into a single source. This compendium will be routinely updated (at least quarterly) to incorporate new or updated resources and remove resources that have been withdrawn.

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1. Antimicrobial resistance and prescribing

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
24.01.2019	<p>UK 20-year vision for antimicrobial resistance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>UK 5-year action plan for antimicrobial resistance 2019 to 2024 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	<p>The vision and plan were developed across the government, its agencies and administrations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, with support from a range of stakeholders. It is supported by the UK 5-year action plan for antimicrobial resistance 2019 to 2024.</p>	<p>UK Government, Department for Health and Social Care, Department for Environmental, Food & Rural Affairs</p>
16.05.2022	<p>Addendum to the UK 5-year action plan for antimicrobial resistance 2019 to 2024 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	<p>Sets out changes to the commitments in 'Tackling antimicrobial resistance 2019 to 2024: the UK's 5-year national action plan'.</p>	<p>Department for Health and Social Care, Department for Environmental, Food & Rural Affairs</p>
July 2015	<p>Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	<p>This revised version of the code of practice replaces the edition published in 2010. It applies to NHS bodies and providers of independent healthcare and adult social care in England, including primary dental care, independent sector ambulance providers and primary medical care providers.</p> <p>The code now reflects the changes required to meet The Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 and the role of infection prevention (including cleanliness) in optimising antimicrobial use and reducing antimicrobial resistance.</p>	<p>Department for Health and Social Care</p>

03.04.2017	Antimicrobial Resistance: resource handbook - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Identifies current national policy, guidance and supporting materials in relation to the infection prevention and control of healthcare associated infections (HCAI) and antimicrobial stewardship in order to aid in the reduction of antimicrobial resistance	Public Health England (now UK Health Security Agency)
May 2021	Summary of antimicrobial prescribing guidance (publishing.service.gov.uk)	Summary of antimicrobial prescribing guidance: managing common infections PHE context, references and rationales for Clinical Commissioning Groups, Commissioning Support Units and Primary Care Providers.	Public Health England (now UK Health Security Agency)
18.05.2022	WHO Strategic Priorities on Antimicrobial Resistance	This document highlights the key achievements and next steps of the WHO Antimicrobial Resistance Division at Headquarters, Geneva.	World Health Organization
22.04.2016	Overview Antimicrobial stewardship Quality standards NICE	This quality standard covers the effective use of antimicrobials (antibacterial, antiviral, antifungal and antiparasitic medicines) to reduce the emergence of antimicrobial resistance	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
18.12.2014	Overview Neonatal infection Quality standards NICE	This quality standard covers preventing infection in newborn babies, treating pregnant women whose babies are at risk of infection, and treating newborn babies with suspected or confirmed infection. It includes when to give antibiotics to prevent and treat neonatal infection. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
2020	Antimicrobial-Prescribing-in-Dentistry-2020-online-version.pdf (cgdent.uk)	The aim of this guidance is to help healthcare prescribers understand the role of antimicrobial agents in management of oral and dental infections. The guidance also aims to help rationalise and improve standards of antimicrobial	Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) and Faculty of Dental Surgery

		prescribing within dentistry and to improve patient care.	
March 2018	Treatment of infections caused by multidrug-resistant Gram-negative bacteria: report of the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy/Healthcare Infection Society/British Infection Association Joint Working Party† Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy Oxford Academic (oup.com)	Advises on the treatment of infections caused by MDR Gram-negative bacteria. It also describes best practice in antimicrobial prescribing.	Joint working party of the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy, Healthcare Infection Society and British Infection Association
November 2016	Prevention and control of multi-drug-resistant Gram-negative bacteria: recommendations from a Joint Working Party - Journal of Hospital Infection	Guidance on screening (testing), treatment and precautions needed to prevent the spread of MDR Gram-negative bacteria. The guidance describes appropriate infection prevention and control precautions to include hand hygiene, equipment and environmental cleaning and guidance on screening for MDR Gram-negative bacteria.	Journal of Hospital Infection working party

2. General IPC

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
21.07.2022	National Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Manual for England	This is an evidence-based practice manual for use by all those involved in care provision in England. It should be adopted as mandatory guidance in NHS settings or settings where NHS services are delivered, and the principles should be applied in all care settings.	NHS England

17.04.2014	Overview Infection prevention and control Quality standards NICE	This quality standard covers preventing and controlling infection in adults, young people and children receiving healthcare in primary, community and secondary care settings. It includes preventing healthcare-associated infections that develop because of treatment or from being in a healthcare setting. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement.	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
01.11.2016	WHO guidelines on core components of infection prevention & control programmes at the national and acute health care facility level	These new guidelines on the core components of IPC programmes at the national and facility level will enhance the capacity of Member States to develop and implement effective technical and behaviour modifying interventions. They are also intended to support countries in the development of their own national protocols for IPC and AMR action plans and to support health care facilities as they develop or strengthen their own approaches to IPC.	World Health Organization
18.11.2019	Minimum requirements for infection prevention and control programmes.	The purpose of this document is to present and promote the minimum requirements for IPC programmes at the national and health care facility level, identified by expert consensus according to available evidence and in the context of the WHO core components	World Health Organization
28.04.2022	Health and Care Act 2022 (legislation.gov.uk)	An Act to make provision about health and social care.	UK Government

3. Aseptic technique

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
24.02.2020	Understanding Aseptic Technique Royal College of Nursing (rcn.org.uk)	Aseptic technique is recognised as an essential component of all infection prevention programmes but terminology used to define it varies. This publication is an RCN investigation into clinical views to guide the practice of aseptic technique. BD have funded this report. BD has had no influence on, or involvement in its content.	Royal College of Nurses
01.01.2014	epic3: National evidence-based guidelines for preventing healthcare associated infections in NHS hospitals in England	This second update provides systematically developed, evidence-based broad statements (principles) of good practice for the preventions of HCAI in hospitals. This guideline includes recommendations on asepsis.	Journal of Hospital Infection

4. Preventing infections associated with vascular access devices

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
01.01.2014	epic3: National evidence-based guidelines for preventing healthcare associated infections in NHS hospitals in England	This second update provides systematically developed, evidence-based broad statements (principles) of good practice for the preventions of HCAI in hospitals. This guideline includes recommendations for preventing infections associated with the use of intravascular access devices.	Journal of Hospital Infection

5. Preventing urinary tract infections

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23.11.2018	Overview Urinary tract infection (catheter-associated): antimicrobial prescribing Guidance NICE	This guideline sets out an antimicrobial prescribing strategy for catheter-associated urinary tract infection in children, young people and adults. It aims to optimise antibiotic use and reduce antibiotic resistance.	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
31.10.2018	Overview Urinary tract infection (recurrent): antimicrobial prescribing Guidance NICE	This guideline sets out an antimicrobial prescribing strategy for preventing recurrent urinary tract infections in children, young people and adults who do not have a catheter. It aims to optimise antibiotic use and reduce antibiotic resistance.	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
31.10.2018	Overview Urinary tract infection (lower): antimicrobial prescribing Guidance NICE	This guideline sets out an antimicrobial prescribing strategy for lower urinary tract infection (also called cystitis) in children, young people and adults who do not have a catheter. It aims to optimise antibiotic use and reduce antibiotic resistance.	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
31.10.2018	Overview Urinary tract infection in under 16s: diagnosis and management Guidance NICE	This guideline covers diagnosing and managing first or recurrent upper or lower urinary tract infections in infants, children and young people. It aims to achieve more consistent clinical practice, based on accurate diagnosis and effective management.	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
27.09.2017	Overview Urinary tract infection in children and young people Quality standards NICE	This quality standard covers diagnosing and managing urinary tract infection in infants, children and young people (under 16). It includes new and recurrent infections of the upper or lower urinary tract. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement.	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
11.06.2015	Overview Urinary tract infections in adults Quality standards NICE	This quality standard covers diagnosing and managing urinary tract infection in adults (aged 16 and over), including adults using urinary catheters. It includes assessment,	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

		antibiotic treatment and referral for specialist assessment. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement.	
18.09.2013	Overview Lower urinary tract symptoms in men Quality standards NICE	This quality standard covers diagnosing and managing lower urinary tract symptoms in men (aged 18 and over). It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement.	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
01.01.2014	epic3: National evidence-based guidelines for preventing healthcare associated infections in NHS hospitals in England	This second update provides systematically developed, evidence-based broad statements (principles) of good practice for the preventions of HCAI in hospitals. This guideline includes recommendations for preventing infections associated with the use of short-term indwelling urethral catheters.	Journal of Hospital Infection

6. Surgical site infection

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
19.08.2020	Overview Surgical site infections: prevention and treatment Guidance NICE	This guideline covers preventing and treating surgical site infections in adults, young people and children who are having a surgical procedure involving a cut through the skin. It focuses on methods used before, during and after surgery to minimise the risk of infection.	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
03.01.2018	Global guidelines for the prevention of surgical site infection, 2nd edition.	Guidance for the prevention of SSI based 28 systematic reviews of the evidence. Includes a list of 29 concrete recommendations on 23 topics for the prevention of SSI in the pre-, intra and postoperative periods.	World Health Organization

7. Pneumonia

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
16.09.2019	Overview Pneumonia (community-acquired): antimicrobial prescribing Guidance NICE	This guideline sets out an antimicrobial prescribing strategy for community-acquired pneumonia. It aims to optimise antibiotic use and reduce antibiotic resistance.	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
16.09.2019	Overview Pneumonia (hospital-acquired): antimicrobial prescribing Guidance NICE	This guideline sets out an antimicrobial prescribing strategy for hospital-acquired pneumonia. It does not cover ventilator-associated pneumonia. It aims to optimise antibiotic use and reduce antibiotic resistance.	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
07.07.2022	Overview Pneumonia in adults: diagnosis and management Guidance NICE	This guideline was developed before the COVID-19 pandemic. It covers diagnosing and managing pneumonia in adults who do not have COVID-19. It aims to improve accurate assessment and diagnosis of pneumonia to help guide antibiotic prescribing and ensure that people receive the right treatment.	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

8. Health technical memoranda/Health building notes

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
31.08.2020	NHS England » (HTM 00) Building engineering in the health sector	HTM 00 provides guidance on the design, installation and operation of a healthcare facility from an engineering and environmental perspective. HTM 00 is not intended to cover every possible scenario, for example where a patient is receiving treatment in their own home. This 2014 edition	Department for Health and Social Care

		supersedes all previous versions of HTM 00.	
22.06.2021	NHS England » (HTM 03-01) Specialised ventilation for healthcare buildings	These documents give comprehensive advice and guidance on the legal requirements, design implications, maintenance and operation of specialised ventilation in healthcare premises providing acute care. In other types of healthcare a risk assessment of the nature of the treatment being delivered, condition of the patients and intensity of use needs to be undertaken by those responsible for the facility in order to determine the extent to which this guidance will be applicable. Health Technical Memorandum 03-01 (2021) supersedes all previous versions of Health Technical Memorandum 03-01 – ‘Specialised ventilation in healthcare premises’ (2007). It also supersedes HTM 2025 (1994) and DV4 (1983)	Department for Health and Social Care
20.05.2016	NHS England » (HTM 04-01) Safe water in healthcare premises	This Health Technical Memorandum (HTM) gives guidance on the legal requirements, design applications, maintenance and operation of hot and cold water supply, storage and distribution systems in all types of healthcare premises. The guidance is for: healthcare management water safety groups design engineers estate managers operations managers contractors supply chain businesses It also provides advice and guidance on the control and management of the risk posed by Legionella, Pseudomonas aeruginosa and other water	Department for Health and Social Care

		borne pathogens within a healthcare setting.	
20.03.2013	NHS England » (HTM 07-01) Management and disposal of healthcare waste	HTM 07-01 details the environmental benefits of the safe management and disposal of healthcare waste, It also presents opportunities for cost savings, safer working practices and reducing carbon emissions related to the management of waste.	Department of Health and Social Care
08.07.2016	NHS England » (HTM 01-01) Decontamination of surgical instruments	Health Technical Memorandum (HTM) 01-01 explains the management of decontamination and the various ways to sterilize reusable medical devices used in acute care.	Department for Health and Social Care
09.06.2016	NHS England » (HTM 01-04) Decontamination of linen for health and social care	Health Technical Memorandum (HTM) 01-04 gives guidance for those who process linen used in health and adult social care settings, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • laundries • launderette operators • linen processors 	Department for Health and Social Care
26.03.2013	NHS England » (HTM 01-05) Decontamination in primary care dental practices	HTM 01-05 is intended to raise the quality of decontamination work in primary care dental services by covering the decontamination of reusable instruments within dental facilities.	Department for Health and Social Care
30.06.2016	NHS England » (HTM 01-06) Management and decontamination of flexible endoscopes	Health Technical Memorandum (HTM) 01-06 provides information on the management and decontamination of flexible endoscopes. <p>The guidance consists of 5 parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy and management • design and installation • operational management • validation and verification (including storage/drying cabinets) 	Department for Health and Social Care

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> testing methods 	
March 2013	NHS England » (HBN 00-09) Infection control in the built environment	This building note details each stage of a project, from initial concept through to post-project evaluation, in relation to infection control. A building's design can help infection prevention and control by providing an environment that is easy to clean and maintain. It is important that these features are designed into a project from the beginning.	Department of Health and Social Care

9. Hand hygiene

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
15.01.2009	WHO guidelines on hand hygiene in health care	The WHO Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care provide health-care workers (HCWs), hospital administrators and health authorities with a thorough review of evidence on hand hygiene in health care and specific recommendations to improve practices and reduce transmission of pathogenic microorganisms to patients and HCWs. The present Guidelines are intended to be implemented in any situation in which health care is delivered either to a patient or to a specific group in a population. Therefore, this concept applies to all settings where health care is permanently or occasionally performed, such as home care by birth attendants.	World Health Organization
05.05.2012	Hand hygiene in outpatient and home-based care and long-term care facilities: a guide to the application of the WHO multimodal hand hygiene improvement	The scope of this document is to address practical aspects related to the performance of routine hand hygiene while providing outpatient care.	World Health Organization

	strategy and the “My Five Moments For Hand Hygiene” approach		
09.02.2009	A guide to the implementation of the WHO multimodal hand hygiene improvement strategy	This guide to implementation has been developed to assist health-care facilities to implement improvements in hand hygiene in accordance with the WHO Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care.	World Health Organization

10. Personal protective equipment

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
-	Personal protective equipment (PPE) at work (hse.gov.uk)	Resources to support managing risks using PPE, selection and use, maintenance, using the right type of PPE, and product safety and supply.	Health and Safety Executive
-	Respiratory protective equipment (RPE) (hse.gov.uk)	This website provides information and tools to help employers select and manage the use of respiratory protective equipment (RPE) in the workplace. The information is applicable to disposable and reusable masks, breathing apparatus and powered respirators.	Health and Safety Executive
2013	Respiratory protective equipment at work: A practical guide (hse.gov.uk)	<p>This fourth edition provides essential guidance on why respiratory protective equipment (RPE) should be used, what the law says and how to select RPE that is adequate and suitable. It also includes a useful dos and don'ts list for the management and supervision of RPE use.</p> <p>The guidance is aimed principally at employers and the self-employed who wear, or are responsible for workers who wear, RPE. It will also be</p>	Health and Safety Executive

		<p>useful for health and safety specialists, manufacturers and suppliers of RPE.</p> <p>It has been prepared in consultation with industry and updates the 2005 edition.</p>	
-	Glove Awareness Week Resources Royal College of Nursing (rcn.org.uk)	Resources for use in the workplace and online to raise awareness of appropriate glove use.	Royal College of Nurses
14.02.2022	Transparent face mask technical specification - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	A technical specification, based on test methods and some of the design and performance requirements used in established/recognised standards, for transparent face masks, some of which could be considered for use as an alternative to Type IIR medical masks.	Cabinet office and Department of Health and Social Care

11. Safe management of patient care equipment and the care environment

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
April 2021	National standards of healthcare cleanliness 2021	The National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness 2021 encompass all cleaning tasks throughout the NHS regardless of which department is responsible for it. They are based around: being easy to use; freedom within a framework; fit for the future; efficacy of the cleaning process; cleanliness which provides assurance; and transparency of results.	NHS England
18.12.2014	Off-label use of a medical device - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Guidance on the off-label use of medical devices in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland).	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

28.01.2021	Single-use medical devices: implications and consequences of re-use - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Guidance for healthcare professionals on using single-use medical devices.	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
01.12.2013	Single-use medical devices: leaflet - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	What 'single-use' means and what symbol is used by manufacturers to show this.	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
01.08.2013	Top 10 tips on endoscope decontamination - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Guidance for healthcare professionals on effectively decontaminating endoscopes.	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
22.01.2020	Overview Reducing the risk of transmission of Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (CJD) from surgical instruments used for interventional procedures on high-risk tissues Guidance NICE	Evidence-based recommendations on reducing the risk of transmission of Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (CJD) from surgical instruments used for interventional procedures on high-risk tissues. These procedures on high-risk tissues are intradural surgery on the brain (including the pituitary gland) and spinal cord, neuroendoscopy, and surgery on the retina or optic nerve.	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
26.02.2019	Medical devices regulations: compliance and enforcement - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Information on MHRA's enforcement duties and how to report a non-compliant medical device.	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
05.09.2016	Decontamination and reprocessing of medical devices for health-care facilities (who.int)	Instrument to provide guidance to health managers and health workers on required infrastructures and standard procedures for effective sterilization, and decontamination reprocessing of medical devices.	World Health Organization
05.07.2016	Single-use medical devices - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	UK guidance on re-manufacturing of Single-use medical devices	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
25.02.2021	Managing medical devices - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Guidance for healthcare and social services organisations	Medicines and Healthcare

		on managing medical devices in practice	products Regulatory Agency
31.10.2014	Symbols used on medical devices: poster - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Some of the different symbols used on medical devices.	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
11.04.2014	Devices in practice: checklists for using medical devices - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Checklists providing a practical guide to using medical devices.	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
2016	Decontamination of breast pump milk collection kits and related items at home and in hospital: guidance from a Joint Working Group of the Healthcare Infection Society and Infection Prevention Society (his.org.uk)	This guidance provides practical recommendations to support the safe decontamination of breast pump milk collection kits for healthcare professionals to use and communicate to other groups such as parents and carers.	Healthcare Infection Society and Infection Prevention Society
2022	Final rinse water quality for flexible endoscopy to minimize the risk of post-endoscopic infection. Report from Healthcare Infection Society Working Party - Journal of Hospital Infection	This evidence- and expert-based guidance document aims to improve patient safety and reduce risks of decontamination-related healthcare-associated infections by standardising the interpretation of endoscopy final rinse water results through monitoring and assessing the risk of infection.	Healthcare Infection Society
01.06.2022	Automated room decontamination: report of a Healthcare Infection Society Working Party - Journal of Hospital Infection	aims to provide useful, generic information that will help healthcare professionals make a well-informed choice if they are intending to buy or rent/lease the automated technology. The aim is to provide guidance on the types of device available, the various active chemicals (where relevant), the biocidal mechanism underpinning the technology, suggested information to be sought from the supplier before purchase, and general precautions recommended for the safe and effective use of the equipment.	Healthcare Infection Society

01/01/2019	Guidance for the decontamination of intracavity medical devices: the report of a working group of the Healthcare Infection Society - Journal of Hospital Infection	The guidance contained in this report is intended to be used by infection prevention and control teams, decontamination leads, and device users/reprocessors to help in their local approach to risk assessment and decontamination of these devices.	Healthcare Infection Society
November 2016	BSG GUIDANCE FOR DECONTAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY	Revised guidance on the decontamination of equipment for gastrointestinal endoscopy.	British Society of Gastroenterology

12. IPC during care of the deceased

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
July 2018	Managing infection risks when handling the deceased - HSG283 - HSE	Guidance for the mortuary, post-mortem room and funeral premises, and during exhumation.	Health and Safety Executive

13. Safe management of linen

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
02.04.2020	NHS England » Uniforms and workwear: guidance for NHS employers	This publication supports the specific requirements of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice relating to uniform and workwear policies, and the need to ensure that they support effective hand hygiene. Advise on the washing of uniforms is included.	NHS England

14. Occupational safety including the prevention of sharps injuries

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
11.12.2014	Bloodborne viruses: Eye of the needle - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	'Eye of the needle' is a report on healthcare workers' occupational exposures to bloodborne viruses such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV.	UK Health Security Agency
	The Health and Safety (Sharp Instruments in Healthcare) Regulations 2013 (legislation.gov.uk)		
-	Blood-borne viruses (BBV) - Blood borne viruses (BBV) (hse.gov.uk)	<p>This website gives employees and employers detailed guidance on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how to comply with the law how to assess and ways to reduce the risks of workplace exposure to blood-borne viruses how to manage incidences of exposure 	Health and Safety Executive
30.03.2016	General dentistry: exposure prone procedure categorisation - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Exposure prone procedures (EPPs) and non EPPs carried out in general dentistry, categorised by levels of risk of bleed-back, compiled by UKAP.	Public Health England

15. High consequence infectious diseases

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
05.07.2022	High consequence infectious diseases (HCID) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Guidance and information about high consequence infectious diseases and their management in England.	UK Health Security Agency

November 2015	Management of Hazard Group 4 viral haemorrhagic fevers and similar human infectious diseases of high consequence (publishing.service.gov.uk)	This document provides guidance on the risk assessment and management of patients in the United Kingdom in whom infection with a viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF) should be considered or is confirmed. This guidance aims to eliminate or minimise the risk of transmission to healthcare workers and others coming into contact with an infected patient or their samples.	Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens (ACDP)
15.11.2015	VHF_Algo.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)	Risk assessment algorithm for managing suspected (low and high possibility) and confirmed cases of VHD.	Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens (ACDP)

16. Management of outbreaks

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
12.08.2014	Communicable disease outbreak management: operational guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Roles and responsibilities of key agencies and the agreed procedures during local and national outbreak investigations.	Public Health England (now UK Health Security Agency)

17. Healthcare associated infection surveillance and reporting

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
04.01.2021	Mandatory healthcare associated infection surveillance: data quality statement - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Data quality statements for the mandatory surveillance of healthcare associated infection (HCAI).	UK Health Security Agency
01.08.2017	Gram-negative bacteria: prevention, surveillance and	The characteristics, management and surveillance of Gram-negative bacteria	Public Health England (now UK

	epidemiology - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	such as Escherichia coli, Klebsiella and Pseudomonas aeruginosa.	Health Security Agency)
06.09.2019	Clostridioides difficile: guidance, data and analysis - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	The characteristics, diagnosis, management, surveillance and epidemiology of Clostridioides difficile (C. difficile).	UK Health Security Agency
04.10.2017	Escherichia coli (E. coli): guidance, data and analysis - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	The characteristics, diagnosis, management, surveillance and epidemiology of Escherichia coli (E. coli).	UK Health Security Agency
12.07.2018	Pseudomonas aeruginosa: guidance, data and analysis - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	The characteristics, diagnosis, management, surveillance and epidemiology of Pseudomonas aeruginosa.	UK Health Security Agency
12.07.2018	Klebsiella species: guidance, data and analysis - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	The characteristics, diagnosis, management, surveillance and epidemiology of Klebsiella species	UK Health Security Agency
22.01.2020	Staphylococcus aureus: guidance, data and analysis - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	The characteristics, diagnosis, management, surveillance and epidemiology of Staphylococcus aureus.	UK Health Security Agency
24.08.2021	Surgical site infection (SSI): guidance, data and analysis - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	UK Health Security Agency helps hospitals record incidents of surgical site infection (SSI), to help improve surgical practice and prevent further infections.	UK Health Security Agency
01.08.2016	Healthcare associated infections (HAI): point prevalence survey, England - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	A point prevalence survey on levels of healthcare-associated infections (HAI) and levels of antimicrobial use in hospitals in England in 2016.	Public Health England (now UK Health Security Agency)

18. Risk assessment and the hierarchy of controls

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
02.02.2022	C1578 i EAC-risk-assessment-tools-primary-community-outpatient-version-2-February-2022.docx (live.com)	Tool to support organisations, practices and employers in primary care, community care, and outpatient settings to undertake a local risk assessment in the context of	NHS England

		managing seasonal respiratory viral infections focussing on influenza, SARS- CoV-2 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) based on the measures as prioritised in the hierarchy of controls.	
02.02.2022	C1578 ii EAC-risk-assessment-tools-acute-inpatient-settings-version-2-February-2022.docx (live.com)	Tool to support organisations and employers in acute inpatient settings to undertake a local risk assessment in the context of managing seasonal respiratory viral infections focussing on influenza, SARS-CoV-2 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) based on the measures as prioritised in the hierarchy of controls.	NHS England
01.06.2022	C1636 ii dental-framework--supporting-guidance-for-primary-and-community-care-dental-settings.pdf (england.nhs.uk)	Tool to support dental organisations and employers assessing risk and managing infectious agents based on the measures as prioritised in the hierarchy of controls.	NHS England
2013	Control of substances hazardous to health (Sixth edition) - L5 (hse.gov.uk)	The sixth edition of this Approved Code of Practice and guidance provides practical advice to help duty holders comply with the requirements of the COSHH Regulations.	Health and Safety Executive

19. IPC in the ambulance service

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
-	Infection Prevention and Control Archives - aace.org.uk	IPC resources for ambulance services.	Association of Ambulance Chief Executives
April 2022	IPC Guidance changes to SRIs in Health and Care settings - NASIPCG, April 2022 - aace.org.uk	IPC Guidance changes to SRIs in Health and Care settings – NASIPCG, April 2022	Association of Ambulance Chief Executives

April 2022	Infection Prevention and Control & Working Safely guidance for Ambulance Trusts: FAQs – NASIPCG, April 2022 - aace.org.uk	Infection Prevention and Control & Working Safely guidance for Ambulance Trusts: FAQs – NASIPCG, April 2022	Association of Ambulance Chief Executives
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20. IPC in prisons, education, childcare and social care settings

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
05.05.2022	Health protection in education and childcare settings - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	A practical guide for staff on managing cases of infectious diseases in education and childcare settings.	UK Health Security Agency
12.06.2019	Preventing and managing bacterial wound infections in prison - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Guidance on managing and preventing the spread of group A streptococcal (GAS) infection and other skin and soft tissue infections in prisons and secure settings.	Public Health England (now UK Health Security Agency)
July 2011	Prevention of infection and communicable disease control in prisons and places of detention (publishing.service.gov.uk)	This document provides guidance for healthcare workers and other staff who work in prisons and places of detention. The manual provides advice on specific infections and dealing with outbreaks, key points on immunisation and vaccination and guidance on infection prevention and control within custodial settings.	Department of Health and Social Care Health Protection Agency
31.03.2022	Infection prevention and control: resource for adult social care - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	This resource contains general infection prevention and control (IPC) principles to be used in combination with advice and guidance on managing specific infections. It is for those responsible for	Department for Health and Social Care

		setting and maintaining standards of IPC within adult social care in England.	
18.02.2013	Care homes: infection prevention and control - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Information resource for care home workers about preventing and controlling infection in care homes.	Department for Health and Social Care and Public Health England (now UK Health Security Agency)