



IPC Digital Hub Launch

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Infection Prevention Control
You're in safe hands

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About IPC

General Practice Early Years / Education Care settings Other

How can we help?

- I would like more information about Clostridioides difficile (C. diff)
- I am a clinician and would like more information about MRSA decolonisation therapy/treatment
- I would like more information about managing Covid-19 in care settings

BREAK THE CHAIN
of infection with hand hygiene and being bare below the elbow.

Proper hand washing can prevent a number of infectious agents from spreading.
It is considered one of the most important ways to reduce the transmission of infectious agents that cause healthcare associated infections (HCAs).

Find out more

Follow us on social media for all the latest news and announcements

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The Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Service is proud to launch the IPC Digital Hub.

The hub is a one stop shop for all things infection prevention and control!

The team has made it easier for key stakeholders across the system (general practice, early years and education, care settings and adult social care) to access a wealth of information, training and guidance.

From online tools, resources, newsletters and an electronic referral form to comprehensive training packages, an e-leaflet library, videos and localised campaign materials, the digital hub has everything you need.

Access the hub via the public website - www.wchc.nhs.uk

2. Accessing IPC information, guidance and resources via the hub

The hub includes a wealth of information, guidance and resources and finding what you need has never been easier.

With the click of a button you can quickly access the support you need based on your place of work:



You can visit the 'IPC topic' area and find the topics you are looking for by entering a key word and clicking on the search icon or you can filter by category and click '*filter results*'. Categories include:

- Care home settings
- Early years and education
- General practice
- Other adult social care settings
- Training and resources for adult social care
- Training and resources for general practice

IPC related resources can also be found in the resource library. Here you'll find everything you need from posters, leaflets, easy read literature and presentations to certificates and pathways.

The campaign area is packed with all you need to know about key annual IPC campaigns and news from the service. Campaigns include:

- [World Hand Hygiene Day](#)
- [World Sepsis Day](#)
- [Antimicrobial Awareness Week](#)
- [Infection Prevention Week](#)

The easy to use online referral form can be used to access support from the IPC Service. If your organisation or setting requires non urgent help and assistance please complete the [electronic referral form](#).

For urgent support please contact the IPC team:

- Telephone: 0151 604 7750 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
- Email: ipc.wirralct@nhs.net

3. Meet the IPC team



A dedicated team of IPC specialists, providing expert advice, support and education on the prevention and control of infection.

Find out more about the team by clicking the individual names below:

- [Helen Wilcox, Interim Head of Infection Prevention & Control](#)
- [Ciara Ramsden, Infection Prevention and Control Nurse](#)
- [Claire Sherratt, Senior Infection Prevention & Control Nurse](#)
- [Denise MacInnes, Admin Assistant](#)
- [Helen Healey, Infection Prevention & Control Nurse](#)
- [Laura McGuffie, Senior Administrator](#)
- [Laura Peers, Infection Prevention and Control Nurse](#)
- [Sarah Deveney, Interim Lead Nurse for IPC](#)

4. Contact the team

Contacting the IPC team is easy:

- Telephone: 0151 604 7750 (Monday - Friday, 9.00am - 5.00pm, excluding bank holidays)
- Email: ipc.wirralct@nhs.net
- [Online referral form](#)

5. World Hand Hygiene Day

World Hand Hygiene Day was Friday 5 May. This annual campaign is an opportunity to unite for safety by sharing the message that hand hygiene is vital to prevent infection.

This year we shared this message by inviting staff, and service users at the Community Intermediate Care Centre, to write a short poem about the importance of hand hygiene. All entries were entered into a competition and the poems shared with staff and service users.

Here is the winning entry:

*Rub, rub, rub,
Scrub, scrub, scrub,
Wash your hands with soap and water
Dry them thoroughly as you ought'a
Kill the germs and keep them at bay,
By washing your hands throughout the day*

When we value hand hygiene and infection prevention and control (IPC) as part of our quality and safety culture, it helps to protect patients, service users and staff, and contributes towards feelings of safety.

To prioritise clean hands in our healthcare settings, we all need to believe hand hygiene and IPC saves lives and prevents the spread of infection. All of us here at Team WCHC and those who access our services need to **unite** on ensuring we have clean hands.

6. Wirral's dedicated IPC Twitter account launches

Stay connected and up to date with all things IPC by following our dedicated Twitter feed. We'll be sharing the latest news, resources, updates to the IPC Digital Hub, training opportunities and much more.

Search @wchc_ipc



7. Key updates from the IPC Service

- **Hydration**

With the summer fast approaching let's talk about the importance of staying hydrated...when it is hot, we all need more fluids.

Many people get dehydrated by not drinking enough fluid or by losing fluids and not replacing them. Anyone can become dehydrated, but babies, children and the elderly are most at risk. Encourage little ones to drink regularly, even if they don't feel thirsty. Water is best. Adults are advised to avoid alcohol, tea and coffee as these drinks make dehydration worse.

For more information about dehydration please visit the NHS website - www.nhs.uk

You can also download resources from the IPC Digital Hub:

[Hydration poster](#)

[Dehydration Simple steps to prevent it leaflet](#)

- **IPC Champion programme - coming soon**

This programme will present the opportunity to develop and enhance your knowledge of infection prevention and control by becoming an IPC Champion. It also aims to strengthen partnership working across different settings.

Keep an eye on our Twitter feed for more information.

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