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| **Topic** | **Compliant?** |
| **Hand Hygiene:**   * Ensure all staff are bare below the elbow * Ensure liquid soap and paper towels are available for staff use **at all times** * Staff should perform hand hygiene in line with the World Health Organisation 5 moments for hand hygiene and before preparing meals * Remind staff that Alcohol gel **should not** be used as a means of hand hygiene after blood or bodily fluid exposure, after visiting the toilet and before handling food * Ensure all staff are aware of the Ayliffe technique when performing hand hygiene * Supervise hand washing with colleagues i.e hand hygiene audits |  |
| **PPE:**   * Ensure adequate supplies of aprons, gloves, fluid resistant surgical face masks and face protection i.e. visors are available and accessible at all times * PPE should be transported in clean/cleanable receptacle for domiciliary visits * If extra care facility - PPE should be stored in a clean area i.e. not toilet/bathroom areas * Staff to be reminded about the need to apply and remove PPE at the point of care to prevent contamination |  |
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| **Linen**   * Do not rinse soiled bedding/linen by hand but use the pre-wash cycle on the service users or communal washing machine * PPE should be worn when handling soiled or infected linen/clothing |  |
| **Care of the environment and equipment (***may not be appropriate for domiciliary visits***)**   * Ensure cleaning products contain detergent * Ensure disinfectant products are available i.e. milton * Ensure areas are kept well ventilated – opening doors and windows regularly * In extra care settings ensure staff have access to an appropriate spill kit in the event of bodily fluid spillage (Spill kit is required for vomit, blood and faeces) |  |
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| **Education**   * IPC educational sessions and mandatory training is up to date * Educational sessions should be increased during periods of increased infections i.e. outbreaks * Promote good cough etiquette by covering the nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing * Encourage vaccination uptake in both staff and service users |  |
| **Resources:**  [Infection Prevention and Control - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](https://www.wchc.nhs.uk/services/infection-prevention-and-control/)  [Auditing/Checklists - Care Home Settings - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](https://www.wchc.nhs.uk/ipc-topics/auditing-care-home-settings/)  [PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](https://www.wchc.nhs.uk/ipc-topics/ppe-personal-protective-equipment/) |  |
| **\*Staff should assess service users infectious status prior to visit. i.e. does the service user have any symptoms of respiratory illness and or gastrointestinal symptoms. This it to ensure appropriate actions/assessment is undertaken** |  |
| **\*****Staff aware of the exclusion periods for specific illnesses and should not attend work if they are feeling unwell** |  |
| **\* When a member of staff is reported absent ensure it is recorded what they are absent with and monitor for any themes and trends between service user/s and or staff** |  |
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