

The Strategy for the Management of Health and Social Care Associated Infection

Executive Summary

This Strategy for the prevention control and management of Care Acquired Infections is intended to assist the development of appropriate policy to meet a variety of regulative requirements in health and social care organisations, direct payment recipients and to provide guidance to unpaid carers, volunteers, patients and service users across the North-East of England.

The Strategy provides a worksheet to support all new staff working in a Care setting to achieve an acceptable level of practical infection control knowledge on their first day at work. It also sets out clearly the personal responsibilities that everyone of us must accept to ensure that the highest standards of infection control are maintained in care homes and domiciliary care settings.

A critical recommendation contained in this Strategy is the development of a new role of Infection Control Champion. They will have a key role in helping to assist in the allocation of appropriate resources to provide comprehensive services to prevent health and social care associated infection services and to identify gaps and bring these to the attention of the appropriate organisations.