

# Information for professionals

## Clostridium difficile (C.diff) status card

Clostridium difficile (C.diff) status cards are being distributed as part of a Leeds pilot to improve the care of people who have had C.diff. They are available free to any patient who has recently tested positive and make it easier for healthcare providers to identify patients who may therefore be at risk of recurrence/relapse.



### What is the card for?

Patients carrying this card have been identified as having had C.diff. By showing this card patients can quickly alert you to their condition; helping you to make the correct decisions about medication (particularly antibiotics and antimotility agents) and provide the correct advice to patients.

### Benefits for patients:

- It increases their involvement in decisions regarding their care.
- It may reduce the chance of C.diff recurrence/relapse.
- It increases patients understanding about C.diff.
- It helps patients to talk to healthcare providers about their condition.

### Benefits for clinicians:

- It may help improve patient outcomes.
- It can reduce episodes of illness and interventions by GP practice staff.
- Preventing relapse can help reduce the prescribing budget.
- It can increase the knowledge of healthcare providers on up to date treatment guidelines.

To ensure that you are meeting local prescribing guidance please visit  
**Management of Infection Guidance for Primary Care**  
**<http://nwww.lhp.leedsth.nhs.uk/antimicrobials/PCsystem.aspx>**

If accessing from outside of the NHS network please visit:  
**[www.leeds.nhs.uk/infectionmanagement](http://www.leeds.nhs.uk/infectionmanagement)**