



GP Surgery Infection Prevention and Control Champions

Do you...

- Want to deliver gold-standard care to your patients?
- Want to ensure you keep patients safe from the hazards of infection?
- Want to increase your own skills and knowledge in relation to infection prevention and control?
- Want to develop your abilities as a role model?

If your answer to these questions is "yes", then you're in the right place.

Promoting the prevention and control of infection is a key concern for health services in Leeds. On 1st April 2009 new regulations from the Health and Social Care Act 2008 came into force, which now require all healthcare providers to ensure they protect patients, workers and others from the known risks of acquiring an Health Care Associated Infections (HCAI).

What is a Champion (in infection prevention and control)?

A Champion is an individual who on a day to day basis, works with staff and patients in the healthcare setting. They will promote and maintain a culture in which infection prevention and control is of the highest importance.

To fulfil this role the staff member requires knowledge of the principles of infection control to enable them to work with colleagues to improve infection control practices within the area they work.

What is the role of the infection prevention and control champion?

- To establish and maintain infection control standards in the GP setting and ensure national requirements are met
- To be the expert person for infection prevention and control within the GP setting
- To act as the infection control named contact for patients, GPs and other health and social care providers, and to be recognised by their team for their contributions to IPC
- To act as a role model within the scope of his/her remit

Tasks to be completed by the infection prevention and control champion

- An self audit to highlight potential infection control risks in the GP setting each year
- Establish and monitor a robust domestic and clinical cleaning regime in the practice
- Ensure all staff are trained in infection control, including annual hand hygiene training
- Have their name and contact details available on the PCT website as the named contact for patients, GPs and other healthcare providers

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