

Role of the Infection Prevention & Control Care Champion (IPCCC)

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The Aims for developing this role:

- To support the service in ensuring good infection prevention and control (IPC) practices are adopted and maintained in all clinical and non-clinical areas.
- To help create and maintain an environment which will reduce the risk of infection to residents/service users, their relatives, social care workers and healthcare workers. This will be achieved by using IPC knowledge and communication skills.

Role Profile:

The IPCCC will support all staff (including trained, non-trained, cleaners/caretakers, activity coordinators, administrative and reception) on matters concerned with IPC and become a role model initiating best practice in IPC issues within their working area.

A main responsibility of this role will be to ensure that staff working within their area, are updated in IPC accredited training (recommend annual training), new IPC initiatives and will act as a resource/named IPC within their area.

They will undertake/participate in audits/action plans and share relevant information, audit results and actions to team members. Working alongside management and senior staff to improve practice where applicable.

Background Experience:

- Specialist knowledge within their working environment
- Good communication skills and understanding of audits
- Leadership skills
- Have a keen interest/qualification in IPC

Clinical Aspects:

1. To help create and maintain an environment which will reduce the risk of infection to residents/service users, their relatives, social care workers and healthcare workers.
2. Represent members of their team to raise and resolve IPC concerns
3. Undertake regular infection control audits as required within their working environment.
4. Participate in surveillance or monitoring of key indicators i.e., MRSA, CDI, MSSA and *E. coli*, etc as required.
5. Willing to participate/lead in the IPC training of staff.

6. To influence the purchase/introduction and use of equipment in their setting in relation to:
 - Infection control hazards
 - Care and maintenance of the equipment
 - Cleaning and storage

General Requirements:

1. A willingness to work with others as part of a multi-disciplinary approach to IPC i.e., Local Infection Prevention Nurse, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and local Environmental Health.
2. Develop relationships with the domestic/laundry staff to encourage a coordinated approach to infection prevention and control in their setting.
3. A willingness to be involved in approved research/evidenced based initiatives.
4. Share relevant IPC information to work colleagues.
5. Check that IPC policies and procedures are in place and up to date and that they can be accessed by staff
6. Attend IPC training conferences/workshop/seminars/local IPC meetings and feedback/share any relevant IPC information to their work colleagues.

Training and Development:

- IPCCC's are encouraged to attend IPCCC forums, training, workshops, conferences and seminars, for their personal development.

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