



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

LCC IPC Guidance

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

### **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 patients/residents, their relatives, social care workers and healthcare workers. This will be achieved by using IPC knowledge, communication skills, nursing and teaching 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 in order to accomplish this they will act as a resource/named person for IPC within their area.

They will undertake/participate in audits/action plans and disseminate relevant information, audit results and actions to team members, work together with their manager and have regular 1:1 meetings 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 patients, their relatives, social care workers and healthcare workers.
2. Represent members of their team and pass on concerns raised about IPC in order to quickly resolve them.
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
5. Willing to participate/lead in the IPC training of staff if appropriate.
6. To be knowledgeable regarding the purchase/introduction and use of equipment in their clinical area in relation to:
  - Infection control hazards
  - Care and maintenance of the equipment
  - Decontamination and storage

**General Requirements:**

1. Be prepared to work with others as part of a multi-disciplinary approach to IPC i.e. Local Infection Prevention Nurse, Public Health England and local Environmental Health.
2. Work with the Domestic/Laundry staff to develop an effective and coordinated approach to infection prevention and control in their area.
3. Be willing to be involved in approved research/evidenced based initiatives.
4. Ensure the effective dissemination of information provided to work colleagues.
5. Ensure that IPC Policies and Procedures are implemented and followed at all times.
6. Attend IPC training conferences/workshop/seminars/local IPC meetings and disseminate information relating to IPC to their work colleagues.

**Training and Development:**

- All IPCCC as part of Personal Development are expected to attend IPCCC forums, training, workshops, conferences and seminars.

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