

# Infection Control Environmental Audit

Service Name:

Date:

	Yes	No	Details / Action Required
All staff have access to and know the location of the Code of Practice for Health & Social Care on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance			
The general environment appears fresh, clean, welcoming and free from dust or dirt			
Communal areas have a pleasant aroma and are free from unpleasant or offensive odours			
All areas of the home, including the laundry, bathrooms, toilets and sluices are in a suitable condition that enables effective cleaning  e.g. surfaces are sealed with sound paint and plaster integrity – no cracks, gaps, holes in walls, broken tiles, tears in wallpaper or defective skirting which may trap dirt or germs			

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All flooring is in a good state of repair, edges and corners are clean and free from dust and grit			
All furniture is in a good state of repair; free from rips, tears, stains or odours and in a suitable condition that enables effective cleaning			
Adequate hand washing facilities are available in all areas where personal care is/may be carried out Liquid soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers i.e.no bars of soap, fabric towels or nail brushes for communal/staff use			
All soap dispensers and paper towel holders are clean, fully stocked, free from mould or dirt and fully functioning			
Staff are observed following correct handwashing procedures			

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<p>Foot operated pedal bins are available in every area where personal care is/may be carried out</p> <p>Bins contain domestic disposable liners and are emptied on a regular basis</p>			
<p>Foot operated clinical/sanitary waste disposal bins are available in all areas where clinical/offensive waste is handled and requires disposing of</p> <p>Bins contain yellow clinical/offensive waste disposable liners and are emptied on a regular basis</p>			
<p>Staff are observed transporting commode pots, bedpan and urinals, disposing of contents and correctly storing such equipment according to organisational policy</p>			
<p>PPE is available close to all areas where personal care is/ may be carried out, including sluices</p>			
<p>Staff are observed using and disposing of PPE appropriately and using correct procedures</p>			

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All toilets are visibly clean with no body fluid contamination or lime scale stains			
Toilet roll dispensers are filled with extra stock available			
Baths, washbasins and showers are visibly clean with no stains or mould visible			
Appropriate cleaning materials are available to clean the bath or shower after use			
Bathrooms are not used for equipment storage and personal items have not been left lying around			
All Housekeeping and domestic cleaning equipment is kept clean, in good order and stored appropriately in order to minimise the risk of infection			
Staff are observed using appropriate colour coded cleaning equipment for designated areas			

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The laundry is organised in such a way as to ensure soiled laundry does not come into contact with clean, washed laundry			
There is a system of laundry bags which prevents soiled laundry and general laundry from being mixed before washing e.g. red soluble bags			
There is a schedule and checklist in place for the routine cleaning of carpets in communal areas and residents rooms			
There is a schedule and checklist in place for the cleaning of the following: Hoists and slings Wheelchairs Over-bed tables Pressure mattresses Pressure cushions			
There is a schedule and checklist in place for laundering re-usable mop heads and cloths or frequency of changing disposable mop heads and cloths			

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Information regarding the use of colour coding for all cleaning equipment is visible to staff who use the equipment and observed to be followed appropriately in designated areas			
There is evidence that ALL cleaning schedules are being followed, ALL checklists are being completed and that monitoring has confirmed tasks that have been signed for have been completed satisfactorily			
Waste is stored safely and securely outside the building			
All used sharps containers are kept secure prior to disposal and not over filled			

Completed by:

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Actions added to Service Improvement Plan by:

Date:

Next Audit Due: