

# Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Audit Tool

*Category: Safety & Hygiene*

A comprehensive monthly audit tool to ensure compliance with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections. Covers environment, hand hygiene, PPE, and waste management.

### 1. General Environment & Cleanliness

- ☐ Are all areas of the home visibly clean, dust-free, and free from clutter?
- ☐ Are floors, walls, and ceilings in good repair and easy to clean (impervious surfaces)?
- ☐ Is lighting adequate in all areas to allow for effective cleaning and inspection?
- ☐ Are radiators and pipework covered and clean to prevent dust accumulation and burn risks?
- ☐ Are furniture and soft furnishings (chairs, curtains) clean, intact, and made of wipeable materials where appropriate?

### 2. Hand Hygiene Facilities

- ☐ Are dedicated hand wash basins available in all clinical areas, sluice rooms, and kitchens?
- ☐ Is liquid soap available at all hand wash basins (wall-mounted dispensers)?
- ☐ Are paper towels available in wall-mounted dispensers at all hand wash basins?
- ☐ Are foot-operated waste bins provided for paper towel disposal?
- ☐ Are hand hygiene posters displayed at all hand wash stations?

### 3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- ☐ Is a sufficient supply of disposable aprons and gloves available in all care areas?
- ☐ Are PPE dispensers clean, stocked, and accessible?
- ☐ Are staff observed using PPE correctly (donning and doffing procedures)?
- ☐ Is eye protection and fluid-repellent masks available for procedures with splash risk?

### 4. Waste Management

- ☐ Are waste bins colour-coded correctly (e.g., clinical, domestic, recycling)?
- ☐ Are sharps bins assembled correctly, not overfilled (below fill line), and signed/dated?
- ☐ Is the external waste storage area secure, clean, and pest-free?

# Care Compliance System

[ ] Are waste transfer notes retained and up-to-date?

5. Laundry & Linen Management

- [ ] Is infected/soiled linen segregated into water-soluble (red) bags at the point of generation?
- [ ] Is clean linen stored in a dedicated, clean, dry area off the floor?
- [ ] Does the laundry room have a dirty-to-clean flow to prevent cross-contamination?
- [ ] Are staff handling linen wearing appropriate PPE?

Scoring / Methodology:

Yes = 1, No = 0. Total Score / Total Applicable Items \* 100 = Compliance %

Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_