

Care Compliance System

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?

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[] 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: _____