

Infection Prevention and Control – all sites

Welcome to the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) team. We are a small team that covers all four sites plus satellite Maternity and Renal Dialysis units. Every day is different and this is what we enjoy.

There are always new challenges to face alongside our daily workload. We advise clinical areas on how to manage patients to ensure patients with infections are safe and cared for appropriately. We investigate certain infections in order to determine the cause and hold case review meetings when applicable.

We regularly visit clinical areas advising on patient management, conducting audits, participating in governance walk rounds and much more. We are always available to answer questions from staff, patients and visitors.

We are involved with many different teaching sessions, both formal and informal i.e. injectables training, mandatory training etc. We work very closely with the Microbiology doctors, laboratory staff and Pharmacy to name a few, as well as working alongside the antimicrobial stewardship team ensuring that patients are receiving appropriate antibiotics.

We have a wider team consisting of the continence nurse and sepsis nurses. We also have RAF IPC nurses that come and work alongside the team and we benefit from their knowledge and expertise. As a team we also get involved with water safety, building projects, decontamination and any estates issues. Our team is here to support all staff groups and acts as a resource to keep our patients and staff safe from infections.

Contact details

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Location

Please email your allocated supervisor who will then arrange a time and place to meet you on your first day.

Key learning opportunities

- Care across the life span
- Water safety, decontamination procedures
- Infection prevention and control processes

Suggested spoke placements

- Tissue viability
- TB specialist nurses
- Vascular access
- Laboratory processing
- Infectious Diseases Ward

Typical shift patterns

Monday to Friday

08:30 - 17:00

Interdisciplinary learning

All learners of all fields can spend time with the team.

Useful reading for the placement

[UK Health Security Agency](#)

Hawker J, Begg N, Blair I, Reintjes R, Weinberg J, Ekdahl K (2012) Communicable Disease Control and Health Protection Handbook (3rd Edition), John Wiley & Sons England

Wilson, J. (2018) Infection Control in Clinical Practice (3rd Edition), St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Health Sciences