



South West London
Clinical Commissioning Group

Services to support Infection Prevention & Control in Care Homes- Richmond and Wandsworth Boroughs 8 April 2022

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Bringing together Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth

Resources to support IPC

- IPC Care Home Champion network support group – first Monday of each month, 2-3pm
- Audit tools – a number are available for self audit
- IPC Care Home Sharing information group – 11am Tuesdays



What is an IPC Champion?

Every Care Home needs an IPC Lead who takes ultimate responsibility for IPC practices in the home. This is required by the CQC

- In some larger homes it might also be pertinent to appoint an IPC Champion to work together with the Lead to ensure good practice

This person would need to have:

An interest in Infection Prevention and Control

They do not need to be a registered nurse, they can be a healthcare assistant or a support worker

They must be able to challenge poor practice when they see it and lead by example

They will become the link person for information to be disseminated to



Meetings for IPC Champions in Care Homes

Began – April 2021

- These occur monthly on the 1st Monday of each month – except when this is a bank holiday when we offer an alternative date
- 1 hour in duration
- The aim is to offer support and training to IPC Champions/Leads and an opportunity to network with colleagues from other homes



Topics covered in Champion meetings

- **Previous topics have included:**
 - Role of Care Home IPC Champion and Lead
 - Audit tool and Chain of Infection
 - Dehydration and conducting a Hand Hygiene Audit
 - Sepsis
 - Decontamination of the Care Home Environment and Equipment
 - Outbreak Management
 - Norovirus
 - Individual Risk Assessments
 - Shingles
 - Prevention of UTI's



Link to Champion meeting-

- Microsoft Teams meeting
- **Join on your computer or mobile app**
- [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **Or call in (audio only)**
- [+44 20 3880 0300,,749835730#](#) United Kingdom, London
- [0800 026 6146,,749835730#](#) United Kingdom (Toll-free)
- Phone Conference ID: 749 835 730#
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IPC Audit tools

- The IPC team have a number of audit tools to help check practice in your care home
 - Hand hygiene audit tool
 - Covid specific audit tool
 - Wider audit tool, covering food hygiene, sharps management, immunisations of staff, care of equipment etc

All can easily be obtained by emailing Care Home Leads



Tuesday Care Home Sharing Webinar

- Tuesday Care Home Sharing webinar- 11am IPC Q&A sessions
 - Follow up FAQ's sent to Care Homes every Friday

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IPC Conference – April 28th 2022



Pan London Infection Prevention & Control Conference

Pan London Infection Prevention & Control Conference for Adult Social Care settings in London, including care homes, supported living, extra care and domiciliary care

This conference will cover :

- Demonstrating compliance with CQC Standards for delivering “Safe, Clean Care”
 - The role of the IPC Champion in Care Homes
 - Norovirus
 - Prevention of urinary tract infections
 - Hydration
 - PPE
 - Expert panel for Q & A

This half-day conference is suitable for nurses, carers, managers and allied healthcare workers in adult social care settings with an interest in IPC


Thursday 28th April 2022: 1-5pm
Delivered Free via Microsoft Teams

Places are limited and will be booked on a first come first served basis

Please book your place using the link below

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pan-london-ipc-conference-for-care-homes-and-adult-social-care-settings-registration-288504353287>

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Gov.uk guidance

- Please remember to check Gov.uk guidance regularly for updates
- There are many that pertain to Care Homes and need regular checking
- Listed below are just a sample:
 - [COVID-19: how to work safely in care homes - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-how-to-work-safely-in-care-homes)
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visiting-care-homes-during-coronavirus/update-on-policies-for-visiting-arrangements-in-care-homes>
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-in-adult-care-homes/testing-for-professionals-visiting-care-homes>
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-admission-and-care-of-people-in-care-homes/coronavirus-covid-19-admission-and-care-of-people-in-care-homes>
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-management-of-exposed-healthcare-workers-and-patients-in-hospital-settings/covid-19-management-of-exposed-healthcare-workers-and-patients-in-hospital-settings>



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