

## Infection Prevention & Control in Health & Social Care

This programme covers the fundamentals of preventing infections in health and social care settings. It explains the different types of infectious agents, signs and symptoms of infection and the means of transmission. It also focuses on the principles that must be adopted to prevent the spread of infection. This programme has been mapped to the Care Certificate and CSTF standards.



### Key features

- A level 2 programme (as graded against the nationally accepted levels and equivalent to GCSE grades A\* - C).
- Two modules with multiple choice questionnaires.
- Two CPD hours with a personalised downloadable certificate.
- 70% pass mark.
- Interactive game on waste management to embed knowledge.
- Optional narration of each module for accessibility.
- Additional resources for further learning and printable modules for future reference.
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### Programme objectives

This programme will help to ensure that anyone who provides direct care to individuals in the health and social care sector understands the use of standard infection prevention and control measures.

1. Explains what a healthcare-associated infection (HCAI) is and how these infections spread.
2. Describes the impact healthcare associated infections have on individuals, your duty of care to them and managing infections in the workplace to prevent their spread.
3. Explores the factors that make it more likely that an infection will occur.
4. Describes how healthcare staff can help prevent infections from being transmitted.
5. Describes how hand hygiene and personal protective equipment help prevent the spread of infection.
6. Identifies how to manage blood, body fluids and sharps, as well as the environment and care equipment.
7. Explains how to assess an infection risk and the need for protective clothing.
8. How to handle day-to-day incidents.
9. Describes the legislation related to infection prevention and control.

### Target audience

This programme is vital for anyone who provides direct support to people in health and social care.



## Module content:

### 1. The Chain of Infection

- Differences between bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites and their signs and symptoms
- The different infections and illnesses that can be transmitted
- The chain of infection and how infections are spread
- What makes a person susceptible?
- Our defences against infection
- Reporting and recording
- Information for healthcare workers (alert organisms)
- Describes an outbreak and the consequences
- Care of individuals with an infection.

### 2. Breaking the Chain

- Standard Infection Control Precautions
- Hand hygiene and the correct hand washing technique
- Respiratory and personal hygiene
- The importance of Personal Protective Equipment and the different types
- Waste management, including an interactive game to embed knowledge
- Safe use and disposal of sharps
- Managing laundry
- Managing the environment
- Identify and understand the relevant legislation.

## Why choose us?

“ West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation work with EduCare on a range of e-learning programmes. We feel that the EduCare method is robust, engaging and easy-to-use. It is also a good resource as it allows learners to refer back to content even after they have completed their training. I would definitely recommend EduCare to other organisations who need to undertake staff training. ”

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