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Dear Colleagues

NATIONAL INFECTION PREVENTION CONTROL MANUAL (NIPCM)

We are delighted to welcome the recent addition of Chapter 3 of the National Infection Prevention Control Manual (NIPCM) which, provides guidance on the management of healthcare infection incidents and outbreaks.

The NIPCM is an important document originally published in January 2012, by the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO (2012)1) [http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CNO\(2012\)01.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CNO(2012)01.pdf) and updated on 17 May 2012 ([http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CNO\(2012\)01update.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CNO(2012)01update.pdf)).

The NIPCM is mandatory for all NHSScotland employees and applies to all NHSScotland healthcare settings, NHS provided services as well as, independent contractors providing NHS services and private providers of healthcare . In all other care settings the content of the NIPCM is considered best practice. The NIPCM provides evidenced based guidance to all those involved in care provision and should be adopted for infection prevention and control practices and procedures.

The aim of the NIPCM is to make it easy for staff to apply effective infection prevention and control precautions; to reduce variation and optimise infection prevention and control practice throughout Scotland; to reduce the risk of HAI; and to align practice, monitoring, quality improvement and scrutiny.

In addition to the two existing chapters, Chapter 1: Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs) and, Chapter 2: Transmission Based Precautions, Chapter 3 aims to bring about further consistency to the management of healthcare infection incidents and outbreaks in all healthcare settings.



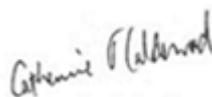
The manual can be accessed via the following website link: <http://www.nipcm.scot.nhs.uk>

Preventing and reducing HAI and AMR remains a key priority for NHS Scotland and we greatly appreciate your support and cooperation to ensure the manual is adopted and implemented within your organisation in order to maximise patient safety.

Yours sincerely



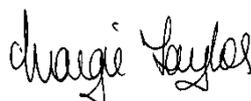
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