

Core brief

Daily update

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Topics in this Core Brief include:

- Infection Prevention and Control: Cleaning near patient equipment
- Looking after yourself and others – session 25 September

Infection Prevention and Control: Cleaning near patient equipment

Your feedback is so important in helping us understand the challenges around cleaning near-patient equipment and in generating ideas to better support staff in this area.

Around 5% of hospital patients acquire infections, some of which can be severe or fatal. Any patient-contact equipment can transfer bacteria, which can cause infection. Items like infusion pumps, BP cuffs, weighing scales, therapy toys, trolleys, wheelchairs etc if not cleaned between uses, may become critical sources of harmful bacteria.

Thank you to everyone who joined one of our recent Infection Prevention and Control collaborative conversations - your insights will be incredibly valuable in shaping our next steps.

If you weren't able to attend, we'd still love to hear from you. We've created a short questionnaire to gather further feedback on this important issue:

[Cleaning Near Patient Equipment Questionnaire](#)

Please be assured that all feedback from the questionnaire will be kept anonymous when the summary is provided to Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network (IPCQIN).

Looking after yourself and others – session 25 September

Managing stress from work and our personal lives can be quite the challenge, but with the proper strategies in place you can get on top of it again! Our 'Looking after yourself and others' session is informed by psychological research to teach you the most effective ways of managing your stress.



Thousands of NHS and HSCPs staff have already signed up to improve their wellbeing and support others. Be part of this positive change!

The Peer Support team are delivering an interactive 45 minute live online session on **Thursday 25 September at 1.00pm** so sign up and learn what might help!

[Book your spot now](#)

Other dates and sessions are available and can be booked under the section *Level 1: Looking after yourself and others* on the [Peer Support webpage](#)

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