



**Daily update  
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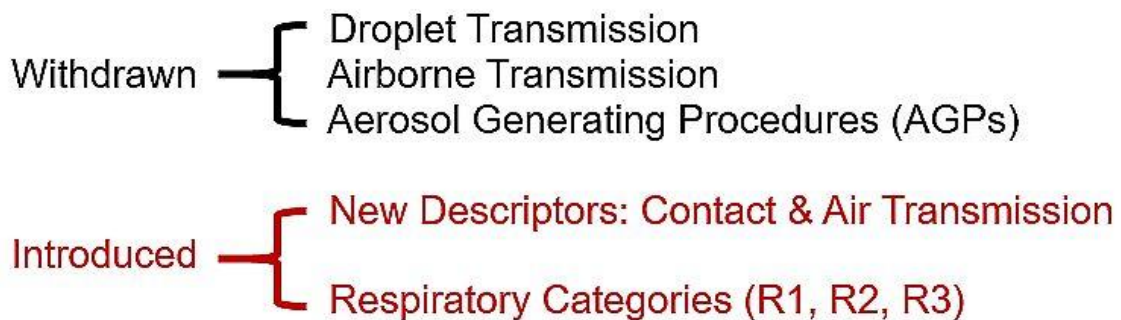
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## **Transmission-Based Precautions (TBPs): important changes coming in August 2026**

TBPs are used in health and care settings for many patients, service users and care home residents. An update to the national guidance is being launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2026, and staff should be aware of the key changes below.

What is changing?



### **What does it mean for Healthcare Staff?**

#### **General points (Fluid Resistant Surgical Mask or Respiratory Protective Equipment):**

- Selection based on R Category
- Must be donned on entry to room
- Sessional use in cohorts.

#### **Fluid-resistant surgical masks (FRSM)**

- Used for R1 pathogens
- Used when the pathogen is not yet known
- Used when providing care to immunocompromised individuals
- Used by immunocompromised individuals when leaving a protective isolation room

- May be used for extended periods by healthcare workers, patients and visitors during epidemics or where there are high local transmission rates.

### **Respiratory protective equipment (RPE)**

- Used for R2 and R3 pathogens
- May also be used for R1 pathogens where this is advised by an individual's medical practitioner because of a risk of severe outcome
- May also be worn as a personal informed choice based on awareness of risk.

### **National Falls Definition and Datix Reporting Update**

Scotland is seeking to establish a national definition for a fall and a fall with harm. Using the same definition will make it easier for boards to understand trends in falls and share learning.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde volunteered to test the draft definition and has been working with the Scottish Patient Safety Programme (SPSP) and other boards to make the definition as easy to use in practice.

As a result of this we have made some changes to the information required when reporting and reviewing an inpatient fall/fall with harm on datix. These changes were agreed by a cross sector short life working group and are now live. [Click here](#) for further information.

### **The Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network (IPCQIN) Newsletter**


[Click here](#) for the 16th issue of the IPCQIN (Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network) staff newsletter for an update on the network's progress to date.

Morag Gardner, Deputy Nurse Director Acute – Co-Chair of the IPCQIN, said: I'm pleased to share the 16th edition of the IPCQIN newsletter, highlighting the continued progress being made across NHSGGC to embed person-centred infection prevention and control in everyday practice. This edition reflects the strong collective focus across our workstreams, with teams continuing to deliver against the IPCQIN Workplan and drive meaningful quality improvement across all sectors.

In this issue, there is a continued emphasis on targeted quality improvement and staff engagement, with a spotlight on key areas including Bare Below the Elbows in Mental Health and Commode Cleaning improvement work in Clyde. These examples demonstrate how teams are using audit findings, staff feedback and quality improvement approaches to address variation in practice and strengthen IPC standards at the point of care.

Thank you to everyone involved in progressing this work and for your continued dedication to maintaining high standards of care. I hope you find this edition informative and encouraging, and as always, we welcome your feedback and interest in getting involved with the IPCQIN.

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