

How to use the new NHS GGC Infection Prevention and Control Care Checklist

Following a review of our current IPC care plans, the IPC team has created a new version in the form of a care checklist.

Each care checklist is a summary of the IPC Transmission Based Precautions (TBPs) that should be in place for a patient who is suspected or confirmed to have an alert organism or an infectious disease which requires enhanced IPC precautions.

You should start the IPC Care checklist on the first day that the patient requires TBPs.

- Page 1 provides a list of criteria or TBPs that should be in place as a minimum. The care checklist should be completed every day while the patient requires TBPs, to ensure that each of the essential criteria is met. If any of the criteria cannot be met, the Page 2 should be completed.
- Page 2 provides space to document the risk assessment undertaken by the clinical team if any TBPs cannot be put in place, describing the reason why. This should be revisited and documented daily, for each day the precaution cannot be implemented.

At the point when TBPs are no longer required, the care checklist should be dated and signed, then filed in the patient's case notes.

The IPC Care checklists represent a record of the application of standard and transmission based precautions and we hope that they support health care staff to provide consistent and high level care for our patients.

Please contact a member of your local IPC team for further advice if required.

NHS GG&C Infection Prevention and Control Team

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