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Infection prevention and control

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Good evidence informed infection prevention and control (IP&C) practice is essential for maintaining a safe environment for everyone and reducing the risk of the spread of infection and infectious diseases.

In partnership with Health Education Improvement Wales and Welsh Government, we have developed an [All Wales Infection Prevention and Control Training, Learning and Development Framework for health, social care, early years and childcare.](#)

The framework sets out the standards that should be used to inform practice in the health, social care, and early years and childcare sectors.

To support the framework, a set of learning resources has been developed.

Digital learning modules

We have developed a set of digital learning modules to help anyone involved in the social care or early years and childcare sector know how to behave to reduce the spread of infections.

There are 3 modules available:

Level 00: Introductory awareness

What is this learning module?

It provides an introduction to infection, prevention and control which can be used to inform day to day behaviour to reduce the spread of infection and infectious diseases.

Who should it be used with?

Some examples of the people who may find the module helpful are:

- Families, friends or volunteers likely to visit individuals or children and young people in health, social care or early years and childcare settings
- Informal carers (people providing care and support for friends or relatives in their own homes)
- People interested in a career in health, social care or early years and childcare.

Level 01: Basic knowledge and application

What is this learning module?

It provides support for the development of knowledge about infection prevention and control, which can be used within a paid or unpaid role to inform own and other's safe behaviour to reduce the spread of infection and infectious diseases. It is aimed at people who do not provide direct care and support.

Who should it be used with?

Some examples of the people who may find the module helpful are:

- Workers and volunteers in social care and childcare who are not responsible for providing direct care and support, for example, administrators and workers such as cleaners, cooks and so on
- Informal carers
- Professionals likely to visit individuals / children and young people in service settings, such as social workers, DOLs assessors, advocates
- Students who require placement opportunities for qualification as pre-placement learning
- Assessors of qualifications
- Work experience roles – non-direct care.

Level 02: Sound knowledge, understanding and application

What is this learning module?

It provides support for the development of knowledge and understanding about infection prevention and control, which can be used within a work role to inform own and other's safe behaviour to reduce the spread of infection. It is aimed at people who are providing direct care and support to individuals or children/young people.

Who should it be used with?

Some examples of the people who may find the module helpful are:

- Workers and volunteers in social care and childcare who are responsible for providing direct care and support
- Informal carers
- Professionals likely to visit individuals / children and young people in care and support settings where direct contact is required as part of their role, such as occupational therapists, hairdressers, podiatrists, design to smile teams and so on
- Professionals likely to visit services for monitoring and quality assurance, such as inspectors, contractors/commissioners
- Students who require placement opportunities for their qualification
- Assessors of qualifications.

How to access the digital learning modules

The modules are free for anyone to access at [Learning@Wales](https://learning@wales.nhs.uk).

You will need an account to access the modules. If you already have a SCWonline account or you currently/would like to work or volunteer in social care or early years and childcare, click the 'SCWonline/GCCarlein' button to log in/create your account.

If you do not work or volunteer in social care you can create a new learning@wales account.

If you can't login using your work address, or prefer to use your personal email address, contact learning@wales.nhs.uk. to set up an account for your email address. If you have any difficulties, you can also call them or contact them via live chat learning@wales.

Awareness raising video

Health Education Improvement Wales has made [a short-animated video](#) which aims to reinforce best practice and behaviours of workers and visitors in care settings across the sectors, to help reduce the spread of infection and infectious diseases.

Learning module for leaders and managers

A fully funded [online learning module](#) is also available from Bangor University. This is aimed at responsible individuals, social care and early years and childcare managers and team leaders along with a range of health professionals.