

Development of Guidance



CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT OF INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL **GUIDANCE** IS CRUCIAL TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF A CONSTANTLY CHANGING FIELD DEALING WITH CURRENT AND EMERGING THREATS.

NATIONAL INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL MANUAL

EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE GUIDE INTENDED FOR USE BY FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE STAFF SUPPORTED WHEN NECESSARY BY SPECIALIST INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL TEAMS AND HEALTH PROTECTION TEAMS.

5 LITERATURE REVIEWS UPDATED SUPPORTING CHAPTER 2:

- Definitions of Transmission Based Precautions;
- Management of care Equipment and Environmental Decontamination (previously two separate reviews);
- Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE); and Surgical Masks.

CHAPTER 2 (TBPs) WAS REVISED TO REFLECT SETTING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR EXAMPLE HOSPITAL, PRIMARY CARE AND CARE HOME SETTINGS.

A new literature review was published on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Infectious Diseases of High Consequence; this was used to inform PPE competency frameworks which are available as resources associated with the NIPCM.

In addition, an annual survey of RPE was completed to gather intelligence from NHS Boards on the types of RPE in use. This is used to inform NHSScotland pandemic preparedness and provide information for procurement and resilience teams in Scotland.

NIPCM WEBSITE - A TO Z

A WEB-BASED 'A-Z OF PATHOGENS' WAS DEVELOPED AND ADDED TO THE NIPCM WEBSITE IN APRIL 2017; PROVIDING A **SUMMARY** OF THE INFECTIOUS AGENT/DISEASE; INCUBATION PERIOD; INFECTIVITY; TRANSMISSION ROUTE; NOTIFIABLE STATUS; AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS INCLUDING SPECIFIC GUIDELINES, LEAFLETS.



ALCOHOL BASED HAND RUB PROXY MEASURE



A VALIDATION STUDY FOR ABHR PURCHASING AS AN INDICATOR FOR HAND HYGIENCE COMPLIANCE WAS COMPLETED AND PUBLISHED IN 2017. THE MOST RECENT RESULTS INDICATED THAT THE NATIONAL AVERAGE ABHR CONSUMPTION FOR 2016 WAS 17.0 LITRES PER 1000 BED DAYS, WHICH EQUATES TO 17 HAND HYGIENCE OPPORTUNITIES TAKEN PER BED DAY.