

Homes must contact the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) when an outbreak is suspected on 0113 386 0300 or 0151 909 1219 for out of hours advice.

Further information is available on the IPC website.

www.kirklees.gov.uk/infectioncontrol

Please also contact the Kirklees and Wakefield IPC team on 01484 221 000 or email infection.control@kirklees.gov.uk

Daily Checklist

- Outbreak posters should be displayed and information leaflets provided
- Hand wash facilities should be available (alcohol gel is ineffective against D&V)
- Current visiting guidance should be followed
- Record all affected residents/staff on the log sheet
- Minimise contamination of unaffected areas by reducing staff movement
- Appropriate PPE should be worn, dependent on infection risk

Keeping others informed

- Defer non-urgent appointments and visits, e.g. outpatient appts, hairdresser and maintenance staff

All visitors must be encouraged to use handwashing facilities and take appropriate precautions to prevent the spread of infection

Housekeeping Checks

- Enhanced cleaning should be undertaken twice a day with a hypochlorite solution 1,000 parts per million (i.e. Milton 1:10 or chlorclean)
- Spillages must be dealt with promptly and safely and staff must wear the appropriate PPE
- Soiled carpets must be cleaned with a carpet shampooer/steam cleaner
- Soluble bags must be used for infected linen
- Sluice rooms/laundry areas must be well managed (doors must be kept closed)
- Infectious (orange) waste stream must be available
- Bins must be foot operated and waste managed appropriately

Resident Reminders

- Residents should be isolated appropriately dependent on infection
- Must have own en-suite facility dedicated commode bathroom
- Provide hand hygiene wipes/offer regular opportunities to wash hands
- Must have a daily review of signs and symptoms (an early GP review is required if deterioration occurs)
- Fluid balance monitoring/Bristol stool chart must be commenced if onset of D&V outbreak
- All samples/swabs should be collected in a

Staff Reminders

- Staff should change on the premises, a clean uniform must be worn each day
- PPE risk assessment should be undertaken and worn as appropriate for the task
- Staff must not eat or drink with residents during the outbreak
- Symptomatic staff must remain at home and contact the line manager daily

Hospital admissions

If a resident has to be admitted into hospital from the home when the outbreak has already started they can be discharged back to the home even though the outbreak may still be ongoing (this is because they have been exposed to the infection already)

Remember to use the transfer form and risk assessment stickers to alert accepting healthcare providers.