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1.0 Value Base

The premises are kept clean, hygienic, and free from offensive odours throughout and systems are in place to control the spread of infection in accordance with relevant legislation and published professional guidance.

2.0 Training Points.

Staff should be aware of the following: -

- The handling and disposal of clinical waste, safe use of protective clothing and correct hand washing techniques.
- Be aware of which infections are classed as reportable. What are their signs and symptoms and what are the most effective methods of prevention?

3.0 Procedure – General Points

The manager is responsible for ensuring there is an infection control strategy for the home.

The infection control strategy should be reviewed at least once a year as part of the management review of the home.

The manager is responsible for maintaining with this procedure a list of those infections which must be notified to Environmental Health and Public Health Wales

List of notifiable diseases

Diseases notifiable to local authority proper officers under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010:

- Acute encephalitis
- Acute infectious hepatitis
- Acute meningitis
- Acute poliomyelitis
- Anthrax
- Botulism
- Brucellosis
- Cholera
- Diphtheria
- Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)
- Food poisoning
- Haemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)
- Infectious bloody diarrhoea
- Invasive group A streptococcal disease
- Legionnaires' disease
- Leprosy

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- Malaria
- Measles
- Meningococcal septicaemia
- Mumps
- Plague
- Rabies
- Rubella
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
- Scarlet fever
- Smallpox
- Tetanus
- Tuberculosis
- Typhus
- Viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF)
- Whooping cough
- Yellow fever
- COVID-19

Where a service user is suspected, or has been diagnosed, as having an infectious disease, the staff should make a full report in the resident's care plan.

When a resident or member of staff is confirmed as having infectious disease as defined by the general practitioner, the manager must inform, Environmental Health, Public Health Wales, Care Inspectorate Wales, and the Responsible Individual.

Such Reports are required by Regulation 60 The Regulated Services Regulations Act and should be sent to Care Inspectorate Wales without delay.

The standard of care given to the service user should not change for those residents who have been diagnosed as having an infectious or communicable disease.

All staff should be aware of and pay particular attention to the sensitivity of resident and feelings of isolation that may arise due to barrier nursing or minimal/restricted physical contact.

4.0 Daily Infection Control Measures.

Handling waste which is potentially infected is part of the everyday job for staff in a care. It is therefore important that all staff always follow the correct procedures and practice.

Such waste is often referred to as "Clinical Waste" as it invariably involves the collection and disposal of products which have been in contact with bodily fluids.

Clinical Waste includes

- Disposable items used for the collection of urine faeces or other secretions (Pads, stoma bags and urine bottles)
- Human tissue, including blood. This includes all types of dressings, soiled waste, swabs, and their packaging.
- Syringes, needles, and all other sharps
- Diabetes blood testing kits

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Whenever a spillage occurs this must be dealt with promptly by the member of staff who observed the spillage, staff who deal with it should wear the appropriate PPE supplied by the home. Once the spillage has been dealt with, the protective clothing must be disposed of as clinical waste.

Dry waste and semi dry waste should be transferred into clinical waste bin. Wet waste should be soaked up using paper towels and then transferred to a clinical waste disposal bin.

Spillage areas should be thoroughly cleaned disinfected and sterilized using suitable and effective cleaning materials in accordance with the cleaning instructions for the material being cleaned. The area should be dried using paper towels or an approved extraction device.

5.0 Pets in the Home

The senior member of staff on duty should be consulted to decide as to the acceptability of animals brought into the home by visitors and pets should always be under control.