



HSE Mental Health Services

Self-Assessment Infection Control Checklist

Appendix 5

(Refer to: Theme 2 Effective Care & Support, Aim 5,
Indicator 5.1, feature 13)

Name of Centre / Service:	
Date of Self-Assessment:	
Name of person(s) carrying out the Self-Assessment:	
Signature (s) of person(s) carrying out the Self-Assessment:	

This check-list supports staff to self-assess against Aim 5 in Effective Care and Support. Those carrying out the self-assessment can use this check-list to help them to determine if Indicator 5.1 (feature 13) in particular, of that Aim is being met.

Management of Infection in the Environment	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
1. Policies and procedures reflect national standards for the prevention and control of Healthcare Associated Infections and relevant national guidelines.				
2. All staff receive education and training in infection prevention and control that is commensurate with their work activities and responsibilities and is regularly updated.				
Evidence that indicator is being met	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
3. An identified staff member has responsibility for monitoring compliance with national standards for infection prevention and control procedures such as hand hygiene, the use of protective clothing, and the safe disposal of sharps, management of laundry and waste management.				
4. There are clear arrangements in place for staff on making referrals to infection control nurses and public health professionals, who have expertise in infection prevention and control, for advice and support.				
5. Accessible information is available on infection prevention and control for service users, visitors and staff, including availability of appropriate vaccinations for service users and staff.				
6. Hand hygiene is a priority for the approved centre and high standards of hand hygiene are promoted among service users, staff and visitors.				

Evidence that indicator is being met	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
7. Warm water is available in taps at all times. Retain temperature for hand washing between 34 degrees centigrade and 43 degrees centigrade.				
8. There are adequate wash-hand basins, supplies of liquid soap, alcohol hand gels, disposable towels and personal protective equipment available.				
9. The approved centre has a contingency plan in place for dealing with an outbreak, such as an influenza, which takes into account national guidelines.				
10. Outbreaks of infection are managed in accordance with evidence-based practice and are reported in line with national guidelines to local public health authorities.				
11. An identified person has responsibility for medical devices and equipment management, including staff training and safety assurance.				
12. There is a policy on the provision, management, maintenance, cleaning and decontamination, and repair of medical devices and equipment.				

Evidence that indicator is being met	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
<p>13. Infection prevention and control consultation related to occupational health and safety policies, procedures and/or protocols are being implemented to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicable disease status • Occupational management and prophylaxis • Work restrictions • Personal protective equipment • Assessment of risk to healthcare workers for occupational allergy • Evaluation of new products and procedures 				
<p>14. There is appropriate management of hazardous materials and waste including arrangements for safe handling, storage, use and disposal.</p>				
<p>15. Managers and staff are aware of their roles, responsibilities and accountabilities around the management and upkeep of the premises.</p>				

