Infection Prevention & Control Champion

Factsheet

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Infection control champion

- A champion is a staff member who promotes safe infection prevention and control (IPC) practice
- Acts as a role model, displaying best practice at all times
- Supports and encourages colleagues to follow policies and procedures
- Helps to identify risks, poor practice, and areas for improvement
- Acts as a link between staff and management/IPC teams
- Provides guidance, shares updates, and supports learning
- Contributes to a safe environment, protecting service users, staff, and visitors

Importance of the champion

- Reduces infection risk
- Maintains high standards of care
- Supports a culture of safety

Promoting best practice

- Leads by example
- Supports and educates staff
- Observes and improves practice
- Promotes consistency
- Challenges unsafe practice

Educate & support staff

- Provide guidance and updates
- Deliver informal teaching
- Promote learning opportunities
- Support confidence and competence
- Act as a point of contact

Monitor & improve practice

- Observe daily practice
- Carry out audits
- Identify risks and gaps
- Provide feedback and support
- Support continuous improvement

Identity & escalate risks

- Identifies early warning signs
- Monitors for patterns and concerns
- Acts promptly and appropriately
- Supports early intervention
- Promotes a culture of reporting

Champion leadership & responsibilities

- Acts as a point of contact and resource for others
- Promotes a culture of respect, inclusion and teamwork
- Identifies gaps and drives service improvements
- Leads change to improve standards and daily practice
- Maintains focus on high-quality care at all times

Supports staff development (e.g. competencies and guidance)

- Act as a link person
- Bridges communication
- Keeps staff updated
- Feeds back concerns
- Shares good practice
- Supports teamwork and consistency

A Champion ensures everyone is working to the same infection control standards.

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