**Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group**

**Infection Prevention and Control Newsletter**

**July 2020**

**Dear IP&C Lead**

Hope you are all well and looking forward to the summer post lock down. It has been an incredibly busy few months for all healthcare services and primary care will be at the frontline over the winter period. Therefore we have stepped up our IP&C Lead & Lead Practice Nurse meetings which are now jointly hosted by Paula Messenger, LMC Nurse Advisor and I. We will be meeting each month to give you an opportunity to ask questions, get updates and network with colleagues; this will be an excellent learning opportunity to discuss IP&C going forward in primary care. It will also give you the evidence of collaborative working with the CCG/LMC for CQC self-assessments and visits plus it will help for NMC revalidation purposes. I would really like as many of you as possible to attend our meetings. If you cannot attend then a member of your practice could attend for professional development purposes. Paula and I are here to help and support you over the next year, so I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the coming months. Dates are available from Claire Winchester, LMC. [claire.winchester1@nhs.net](mailto:claire.winchester1@nhs.net)

**Please could you send me your name and email address so that I can create a contact list of IP&C leads and therefore send any useful IP&C updates.**

My contact details are [Julia.bloomfield@nhs.net](mailto:Julia.bloomfield@nhs.net)

Kind regards

Julia Bloomfield, Primary Care & Care Home IP&C Nurse Specialist, Somerset CCG.

**IP&C Updates in May & June 2020**

1. **Waste Management SOP** – 29th June 2020

This document sets out the waste management approach for all healthcare facilities including primary care facilities in England during the COVID-19 emergency response.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/04/C0611-covid-19-waste-management-guidance-sop-version-2.22-june.pdf>

1. **Outbreak Management –** 24th June 2020

NHSE&I letter - Healthcare associated COVID-19 infections – further action

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/06/Healthcare-associated-COVID-19-infections--further-action-24-June-2020.pdf>

NHSE&I letter - Minimising nosocomial infections in the NHS: Letter from Amanda Pritchard, Ruth May and Professor Stephen Powis

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/minimising-nosocomial-infections-in-the-nhs/>

1. **NEW SOMERSET CCG WEBSITE\* -** June 2020

The NEW website contains information for primary care & the CCG IP&C GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE plus the GP audit tool we recommend you use annually.

[**https://www.somersetccg.nhs.uk/for-clinicians/infection-control/infection-control-in-primary-care/**](https://www.somersetccg.nhs.uk/for-clinicians/infection-control/infection-control-in-primary-care/)

1. **COVID-19: infection prevention and control guidance –** 18th June 2020

[**https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/893320/COVID-19\_Infection\_prevention\_and\_control\_guidance\_complete.pdf**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/893320/COVID-19_Infection_prevention_and_control_guidance_complete.pdf)

1. **Infection Prevention and Control supporting documentation –** 22nd May 2020

NHS England have developed this board assurance framework to support all healthcare providers to effectively self-assess their compliance with Public Health England (PHE) and other COVID-19-related infection prevention and control guidance and to identify risks. The general principles can be applied across all settings; acute and specialist hospitals, community hospitals, mental health and

learning disability, and locally adapted.

[**https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/infection-prevention-and-control-supporting-documentation/**](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/infection-prevention-and-control-supporting-documentation/)

1. **PPE Portal**

PPE portal: how to order emergency personal protective equipment

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ppe-portal-how-to-order-emergency-personal-protective-equipment>