

Unit Title:	The principles of infection prevention and control
Unit sector reference:	IC01
Level:	2
Credit value:	3
Guided learning hours:	30
Unit accreditation number:	L/501/6737

Unit purpose and aim

To introduce the learner to national and local policies in relation to infection control; to explain employer and employee responsibilities in this area; to understand how procedures and risk assessment can help minimise the risk of an outbreak of infection. Learners will also gain an understanding of how to use PPE correctly and the importance of good personal hygiene

Learning Outcomes The learner will:	Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Exemplification
1 Understand roles and responsibilities in the prevention and control of infections	1.1 Explain employees' roles and responsibilities in relation to the prevention and control of infection 1.2 Explain employers' responsibilities in relation to the prevention and control of infection	
2 Understand legislation and policies relating to prevention and control of infections	2.1 Outline current legislation and regulatory body standards which are relevant to the prevention and control of infection 2.2 Describe local and organisational policies relevant to the prevention and control of infection	
3 Understand systems and procedures relating to the prevention and control of infections	3.1 Describe procedures and systems relevant to the prevention and control of infection 3.2 Explain the potential impact of an outbreak of infection on the individual and the organisation	

Learning Outcomes The learner will:	Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Exemplification
4 Understand the importance of risk assessment in relation to the prevention and control of infections	4.1 Define the term risk 4.2 Outline potential risks of infection within the workplace 4.3 Describe the process of carrying out a risk assessment 4.4 Explain the importance of carrying out a risk assessment	
5 Understand the importance of using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the prevention and control of infections	5.1 Demonstrate correct use of PPE 5.2 Describe different types of PPE 5.3 Explain the reasons for use of PPE 5.4 State current relevant regulations and legislation relating to PPE 5.5 Describe employees' responsibilities regarding the use of PPE 5.6 Describe employers' responsibilities regarding the use of PPE 5.7 Describe the correct practice in the application and removal of PPE 5.8 Describe the correct procedure for disposal of used PPE	
6 Understand the importance of good personal hygiene in the prevention and control of infections	6.1 Describe the key principles of good personal hygiene 6.2 Demonstrate good hand washing technique 6.3 Describe the correct sequence for hand washing 6.4 Explain when and why hand washing should be carried out 6.5 Describe the types of products that should be used for hand washing 6.6 Describe correct procedures that relate to skincare	

Assessment

This unit needs to be assessed in line with the Skills for Care and Development QCF Assessment principles.

This unit may be assessed using any method, or combination of methods, which clearly demonstrates that the learning outcomes and assessment criteria have been met.

Guidance on assessment and evidence requirements

OCR does not stipulate the mode of delivery for the teaching of the content of this unit. Centres are free to deliver this unit using any mode of delivery that meets the needs of their candidates. Centres should consider the candidates' complete learning experience when designing learning programmes.

National Occupational Standards (NOS) mapping/signposting

This unit is based upon the Skills for Health Infection Control workplace competencies. There are some relationships between this unit and those of other standards such as Key Skills, Functional Skills and Skills for Life.

NOS can be viewed on the relevant Sector Skills Council's website or the Occupational standards directory at www.ukstandards.co.uk

Functional skills signposting

This section indicates where candidates may have an opportunity to develop their functional skills.

Functional Skills standards can be viewed at <http://www.qcda.gov.uk/15565.aspx>

Functional Skills Standards					
English		Mathematics		ICT	
Speaking and Listening		Representing		Use ICT systems	✓
Reading	✓	Analysing		Find and select information	✓
Writing	✓	Interpreting		Develop, present and communicate information	✓

Additional information

For further information regarding administration for this qualification, please refer to the OCR document '*Administrative Guide for Vocational Qualifications*' (A850).

This unit is a shared unit. It is located within the subject/sector classification system 01.3 Health

and Social Care.