

Unit Title:	Cleaning, decontamination and waste management
Unit sector reference:	IC03
Level:	2
Credit value:	2
Guided learning hours:	20
Unit accreditation number:	R/501/6738

Unit purpose and aim

To explain to the learner the correct way of maintaining a clean environment in accordance with national policies; to understand the procedures to follow to decontaminate an area from infection; and to explain good practice when dealing with waste materials. This unit does not cover the decontamination of surgical instruments.

Learning Outcomes The learner will:	Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Exemplification
1 Understand how to maintain a clean environment to prevent the spread of infection	1.1 State the general principles for environmental cleaning 1.2 Explain the purpose of cleaning schedules 1.3 Describe how the correct management of the environment minimises the spread of infection 1.4 Explain the reason for the national policy for colour coding of cleaning equipment	
2 Understand the principles and steps of the decontamination process	2.1 Describe the three steps of the decontamination process 2.2 Describe how and when cleaning agents are used 2.3 Describe how and when disinfecting agents are used	

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	2.4 Explain the role of personal protective equipment (PPE) during the decontamination process 2.5 Explain the concept of risk in dealing with specific types of contamination 2.6 Explain how the level of risk determines the type of agent that may be used to decontaminate 2.7 Describe how equipment should be cleaned and stored	
3 Understand the importance of good waste management practice in the prevention of the spread of infection	3.1 Identify the different categories of waste and the associated risks 3.2 Explain how to dispose of the different types of waste safely and without risk to others 3.3 Explain how waste should be stored prior to collection 3.4 Identify the legal responsibilities in relation to waste management 3.5 State how to reduce the risk of sharps injury	

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

There are some relationships between this unit and those of other standards such as Key Skills, Functional Skills and Skills for Life and the following:

General Healthcare Competence GEN 3 Maintain health and safety in a clinical/therapeutic environment (K5)

Knowledge and Skills Framework Core 3 Health safety and Security

Health and Social Care NOS HSC246, 230, 0032

Infection Prevention and Control NOS IPC1,3,4,6,7

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.