

INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL (IPC) CHAMPIONS

Role Profile

Aim of IPC Champions:

- To help create and maintain an environment which will promote and improve the safety of service users, staff and visitors in relation to infection prevention and control;
- Converts IPC policy into achievable “do-able” practice; **Responsibilities:**
- Acts with support of local* and corporate IPC leads and local IPC specialist advisors
- Supports local IPC lead in developing standards of care relating to IPC within the organisation inc. development of local policies and procedures
- Able to challenge poor practice and empower others to provide care safely
- Acts as a resource person for staff in relation to IPC
- Assists with the training of staff on everyday IPC issues e.g. hand hygiene
- Acts as a role model for best IPC practice at all times

Role requirements:

- Working as **senior** carer/support worker or registered nurse/registered manager
- Up to date IPC knowledge and skills
- Appropriately trained and supported to undertake role
- Effective communication skills – verbal and written
- Well-developed interpersonal skills inc. the ability to influence/change practice
- Motivation, commitment and enthusiasm
- Management support
- Time to undertake role

*Organisations may already have a nominated IPC lead person in place; the IPC Champion can be *in addition to* the nominated lead working locally to support them in their role OR may take on the role of nominated IPC lead for the organisation.

Please note: Organisations may wish to nominate two individuals to undertake this role to spread the responsibility and to ensure succession planning and provide cover during leave etc. It is essential that the individuals nominated have relevant **experience and status** within the organisation to be able to influence and change practice.