

Information Pack

Stakeholder consultation on the draft Infection Prevention and Control Resource for Adult Social Care

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Background and remit

DHSC commissioned UKHSA to consolidate and update previous Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Resource for Adult Social Care (ASC) guidance to better support the sector in preventing and managing infections. It has been developed through review of existing materials, expert input, evidence review and alignment with policy, for more information, see [Annex 1- How the IPC resource for ASC was developed](#).

The updated ASC IPC resource will consolidate and build upon existing ASC IPC guidance and will replace some existing guidance such as:

[IPC Resource for Adult Social Care](#)

[Care homes: infection prevention and control guidance](#)

Purpose of the consultation

This consultation seeks feedback from key stakeholders on the draft Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Resource for Adult Social Care (ASC). The aim is to ensure the content is accurate, accessible and practical for use across the adult social care sector. Your input will help refine and strengthen the final version before publication on [Adult social care: guidance - GOV.UK](#)

Why your input is needed

Stakeholders across the adult social care sector play an essential role in shaping guidance that is workable in real world settings. Your expertise ensures the resource reflects current practice, addresses sector needs, is clear and usable, and supports safe, effective infection prevention and control.

Consultation approach

This consultation is led by DHSC in collaboration with the UK Health Security Agency IPC team. DHSC will circulate the consultation widely across adult social care networks, which include a broad range of professionals, providers and organisations connected to the sector. These networks are encouraged to share the consultation further with their own contacts, including partner organisations, frontline teams, advisory groups and others who may contribute valuable insight. We welcome and encourage onward sharing so that anyone with relevant experience or interest in the resource has the opportunity to take part. This broad approach ensures that the consultation reflects diverse perspectives from across the adult social care

community and supports the development of a resource informed by extensive sector engagement.

The IPC Resource for ASC is a draft. It is strictly not to be published on any website, as the content is still under review and may change.

Consultation dates

Start date: Monday 20 April 2026

Closing date: Wednesday 20 May 2026

What is being consulted on

Sections in scope for consultation

Section title	Number of pages	Number of questions
1. Introduction	9	0
2. Why preventing infection is important	16	5
3. Standard infection prevention precautions	36	6
4. Transmission based precautions	3	0
5. Fundamentals of care	8	1
6. Vaccinations	4	0
7. Managing outbreaks in adult social care settings	9	0
8. Infections of concern A-Z	See section below, sections out of scope	1
8 a. Tuberculosis (TB) Guidance for Adult Social Care Settings	5	0
8 b. Managing suspected infectious diarrhoea or vomiting	16	3
9. Essential IPC considerations for clinical interventions	11	3
10. Staff wellbeing	10	0
11. Additional information for managers	7	0
12. Glossary	10	1
13. Abbreviations	1	0

Sections out of scope for consultation

Sections	Reason for not
8. Infections of concern A to Z	This section is not being consulted on as this is being informed by expert advice
References	The references will not go out for stakeholder consultation as it does not alter the substance of the resource and therefore do not require external review.

Questions for stakeholders

We advise stakeholders to read the IPC Resource for ASC in order.

Each section will be set out to include feedback on:

- **Content:** Comments on content and accuracy. Please highlight anything that may be missing.
- **Language and accessibility:** Does the language used make sense to you, are there any parts that need to be made clearer for the sector?
- **Practicality:** Is the advice clear, workable and easy to follow?

Some sections include specific questions for your consideration. These points were identified during the development process and we welcome your feedback. These questions are in the relevant sections and in the feedback forms. Stakeholders are not expected to answer every section or question and should only respond to those that are relevant to their role or experience.

We welcome any suggestions you may have for improving the wording, including proposed alternatives for review.

At the end of the form there is a general comment box for any additional reflections.

Instructions for how to respond

The IPC resource for ASC will be emailed as a Zip file to relevant stakeholders.

You may feedback using the **WORD Stakeholder Feedback form**.

Accessibility and Alternative Formats

We are committed to ensuring that this feedback process is accessible to everyone. If you require the information in a different format, we will do our best to provide the assistance you need so that you can take part fully and comfortably.

Declaration of interest

If any stakeholder has a conflict of interest relevant to the remit of the project, they should declare it. To identify potential conflicts of interest, Stakeholders are asked to list their interests below.

How your information will be used and stored

Your personal information will be stored on DHSC systems. Your organisation name and your comments will be shared with UKHSA. All feedback will be collated and arranged according to the relevant sections of the resource so that every comment can be reviewed and addressed in a consistent and fair way.

Please do not include any personal identifiable information in the comment boxes, this includes other peoples personal information.

For further information about how your data will be used, please refer to the DHSC privacy notice [DHSC privacy notice - GOV.UK](#) and UKHSA privacy notice [UKHSA privacy notice - GOV.UK](#).

What the consultation will inform or change

Feedback will be used to refine and update content, identify areas requiring clarification, improve accessibility and usability, and prepare the resource for publication on GOV.UK.

Publication

The resource will be published on the [Adult social care: guidance - GOV.UK](#), with cross references and printable options.

If you would like to be notified when the resource is published, please indicate your preference in the Stakeholder Feedback form.

Contact

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact ascipresource@dhsc.gov.uk

Annex 1- How the IPC resource for ASC was developed

An IPC ASC Working Group was established to inform the development of the update. The Working Group was composed of the wide range of stakeholders to represent, front line staff, professional and specialist roles, regulatory & professional organisation, policy and academics.

The content for the infection prevention and control (IPC) resource for adult social care was developed through a structured review of the available evidence base.

Initially, this drew upon existing national IPC guidance evidence reviews published in 2022 which outlines core principles for preventing and managing infection, including in care settings and is informed by organisations such as the NHS. This was an agreed approach from the IPC ASC Working Group.

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2423/2025-04-03-patient-placement-v20.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2449/2025-05-01-cough-etiquette-literature-review-v30-final.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2384/2024-07-29-water-systems-lit-review-v11-final.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2447/2025-04-28-occupational-exposure-management-literature-review-v41.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2388/2025-01-31-safe-management-of-linen-literature-review-v44.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2446/2025-04-28-blood-and-body-fluids-spillages-v30-final.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2412/2025-03-13-safe-disposal-of-waste-literature-review-v50.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2462/2025-08-15-eye-and-face-protection-literature-review-v20.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2426/2025-04-03-ppe-gloves-review-v41.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2424/2025-04-03-aprons-and-gowns-v11.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2430/2025-04-07-tbp-rpe-v40-final.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2418/2025-04-02-skincare-final-v50.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2416/2025-04-02-hand-hygiene-products-literature-review-v50-final.pdf>

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/media/2429/2025-04-03-surgical-masks-sicps-and-tbps-v20.pdf>

This foundational review ensured that the resource aligned with established best practice, including person-centred care, risk assessment, and IPC measures to reduce transmission of infection.

To ensure the resource remained current and evidence-based, a further literature search was undertaken covering the period from 2022 to 14th August 2025, incorporating updated national guidance and emerging evidence. This iterative approach ensured the content reflects both the original evidence base and any new or developing insights relevant to IPC practice in adult social care.

A wide range of relevant UKHSA subject matter experts were involved throughout the process to ensure the accuracy and quality of the content.