



Infection Prevention And Control Policy

Policy Document

1. Introduction

Lakethorne Group Services is firmly committed to reducing Health Care Associated Infections (HCAIs) and adheres to the NHS Code of Practice for the prevention and control of infections and related guidance. We understand the importance of cleanliness and hygiene within the healthcare sector and we work closely with Infection Prevention staff at our client's sites to develop staff training programs, which contribute to our "Best Practice Policies". We ensure that we act in compliance with The Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice for Prevention and Control of Infection and related guidance (revised 2015)

2. Scope

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) is a set standard operating procedures that is applied to interrupt the transmission of micro-organisms which can cause infections. It is essential that high standards of cleanliness be maintained to prevent and control infections through all areas. It is essential that there is temporal segregation between clean and dirty activities to avoid cross-contaminations. Infection Prevention & Control is everyone's responsibility and Lakethorne deliver an NHS approved training program, to educate all staff in infection prevention and cleaning to a high hygienic standard.

3. Aims and Objectives

Lakethorne is committed to maintaining and improving systems and processes to help ensure that Infection Prevention and Control procedures and standards are achieved. As part of this commitment we regularly check that;

- Standard infection control precautions are being followed by all staff
- Using correct cleaning methods
- Using the NHS recommended system of colour coding
- All staff are given intensive presentation which covers all aspects of possible infection sources
- Awareness of hand hygiene protocol
- Frequent refresher training is given as this is vital to ensure best practice at all times
- The training is covered by the Lakethorne Group's Health & Safety Manager who ensures that operational staff are "trained to train" on all aspects of infection prevention
- Where required "swab test" are carried out periodically to ensure effective cleaning. These are carried out with a representative of the client present to ensure clarity.

4. Policy Review

The Managing Director undertakes to periodically review this policy in light of current and planned future activities, on an annual basis, and more frequently when legislation or industry best practice dictates.

Signed: 
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