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Provide guidance, resources and support to enable staff to minimise the risk of spreading infection



Overview

This unit has been imported from Skills for Health

This unit is about providing management guidance and support, including ensuring that appropriate training is provided to cleaning operatives to enable them to minimise the risk of acquiring and spreading infection. It applies to those supervising staff in any areas where the risk of infection is an issue.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 apply, adopt or develop clear infection control policies and guidelines in your area of responsibility that are in line with organisational policies
 - P2 clearly communicate the policies and guidelines to all your staff
 - P3 arrange for induction training and subsequent updating to ensure staff have the knowledge and skills to apply infection control policies and guidelines
 - P4 ensure that infection control is an integral part of all staff personal objectives
 - P5 protect staff by ensuring they have access to
 - P5.1. the appropriate personal protective equipment
 - P5.2. occupational health services
 - P5.3. any appropriate immunisations
 - P5.4. other facilities and supplies necessary to enable them to minimise the risks of infection while carrying out their jobs
 - P6 monitor, audit and provide feedback on staff practices in relation to infection control
 - P7 monitor the resources, the equipment and those aspects of the environment that affect practices in relation to infection control
 - P8 where problems are observed or reported, investigate the causes and where appropriate initiate prompt remedial action
 - P9 review all reported adverse events that could pose an infection risk and, where appropriate, initiate prompt action to tackle problems
 - P10 analyse trends of all reported adverse events to identify recurrent problems and initiate action to deal with them
 - P11 should you encounter problems in relation to infection control that you are unable to remedy, inform the person responsible for them and ask them to take action

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Legislation and policy

- K1 an in-depth understanding of relevant standard infection control precautions, legislation and policies
- K2 an in-depth understanding of health and safety regulations covering your area of responsibility
- K3 an in-depth understanding of COSHH regulations concerning hazardous substances

Technical

You need to know and understand:

- K4 a factual knowledge of the chain of infection
- K5 a working knowledge of immunisations that can protect against occupationally acquired infection and the means of referring staff to occupational health advice
- K6 a working knowledge of appropriate facilities for hand hygiene
- K7 a working knowledge of appropriate facilities for first aid provision
- K8 a working knowledge of techniques for maintaining hand hygiene
- K9 a working knowledge of the personal protective equipment your staff need
- K10 a factual knowledge of latex allergy and local policy on the provision of latex free gloves
- K11 a working knowledge of how to ensure risks of infection are expertly assessed in your area of activity
- K12 a working knowledge of root cause analysis in relation to infection control
- K13 a working knowledge of what actions should be taken before, during and after a procedure to minimise the risks of infection

Organisational

You need to know and understand:

- K14 an in-depth understanding of techniques to develop, review and communicate local policies and guidelines on infection control which affect your area of activity
- K15 an in-depth understanding of the mechanism to secure induction training and subsequent updating for your staff
- K16 an in-depth understanding of how to acquire the personal protective equipment, supplies and facilities to enable staff to apply the agreed standard infection control and prevention precautions
- K17 an in-depth understanding of how to monitor staff practices and to take action to maintain the required standards
- K18 an in-depth understanding of your own role and responsibilities and the responsibilities of others
- K19 an in-depth understanding of how to maintain records required in your

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area of activity

- K20 an in-depth understanding of accident and incident reporting and the mechanisms to ensure action is taken to tackle problems
- K21 a working knowledge of how and when to report issues that are outside your own job role

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