

Week commence 5th April Care Home managers meeting bulletin

Enteric G.I. situations in the care homes are on the increase, just a reminder to the managers that hand gel is not effective in enteric G.I. situations and staff should be only using soap and water. To follow the guidelines by using liquid soap and water only. However the guidelines for Covid 19 still requires good hand hygiene and the use of alcohol hand based gel at 70%.

Training from the Health Protection Team: The manager were advised that the HSCP will be sending out a small questionnaire in regards to IPC training. That care homes may wish to have delivered within their organisation.

HPT team would like to trial short, bite size training, possibly remote training sessions online training at the moment, but with a view in future to come out to the care homes to deliver the training. The care home managers are invited to present any topics or themes they think staff i.e. infection control manual, quizzes, scenario's. Any suggestions please email gram.healthprotection@nhs.scot – Lynn Byers, Rhona Kirkham and Jenni Strachan.

Ashley also discussed the managers to identify and discuss with staff becoming for example cleanliness champions to make. This will promote autonomous IPC practice within the staff team and the home and also develop staff roles.

Questions answered - Regarding outdoor visiting with children, Ashley signposted to "Open with Care: supporting meaningful contact in care homes", pg 2-3 18th March 2021 scot.gov open with care.

HPT are here to support and work with you as part of the wider team, the health protection Scotland and Scottish government guidance bible.