

## Health Protection Team Bulletin

Week commencing 31<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Open with Care (OwC)– Visits within and trips out** - Visit here for the latest Scot Gov Guidance - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): adult care homes guidance](#) This has a link to the latest guidance issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> June [Open with Care: Supporting Meaningful contact in and away from the care home: Supplementary information: 03 June 2021](#)

**Teams OwC Workshops** - Details of workshops are listed in this letter [17th May Open with Care – Activities and outings away from the care home – additional](#) Note: Remaining date is **Tuesday 8th June 2-3pm.**

**Link to National IPC manual can be found here** <https://www.nipcm.scot.nhs.uk/> and the [National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: Infection Prevention and Control Manual for older people and adult care homes \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) sits within this.

- It is our understanding that these live documents will be updated electronically as new evidence becomes available. The new IPC Care home manual aligns to the [Scottish COVID-19 Care Home Infection Prevention and Control Addendum](#) (Care Homes) and [Scottish COVID-19 Community Health and Care Settings Infection Prevention and Control Addendum](#) (Other Care settings).
- For Care Inspectorate visits before the 1st of September your care environment will be assessed using the COVID addendum above but there is an expectation that providers, managers and staff are aware of the new manual before that time.
- [Infection Prevention & Control Manual for Older people and Adult Care Homes workshops](#) NB. The next available workshop is **Live Session, Tuesday 15 June 2021, 2 - 3:30 pm.** You will need to register for this Webinar.
- **A National Cleaning Specification** has also been developed by Health Facilities Scotland which will sit within the Manual. The Cleaning Specification will provide clear guidance specific for use in an adult care home environment on cleaning products, practices, role and responsibilities of staff and care home managers and will provide tools to support improvement and quality assurance within care homes.
  - **Care Home Cleaning Specification workshops** Six workshops have been organised to advise staff in adult care homes of the purpose and context of the Specification and guidance on how to use it to support their cleaning service. Further information and registration for the workshops is available on the above link. Note the next **Live Session, Thursday 10 June 2021, 2 - 3:30 pm** [Registration Link](#)

**Shared experience of Cowdray Club Manager.** This took place on 4<sup>th</sup> of June and upwards of 30 of you attended the Teams meet. This appeared to be well received by all and it was felt to be of mutual benefit and support.

Phil acknowledged that it can be a lonely place being a care home manager and the pandemic has brought increased pressures along with trying to be everything to all people. He encourages those who are struggling to reach out for some non judgemental peer support and please don't sit shouldering any blame or fear on your own!!! Phil and others have been there and are here to support you!!!! Phil would encourage you all to listen, and reflect on the lyrics of this song which describes his journey following a recent Care Inspectorate visit **PINK – “All I Know So Far “**

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