

**Health Protection Team Bulletin**  
**Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

You can access the new **National Infection Prevention Control manual** here:  
<https://www.nipcm.scot.nhs.uk/infection-prevention-and-control-manual-for-older-people-and-adult-care-homes/>

- [Infection Prevention & Control Manual for Older people and Adult Care Homes workshops](#) NB. You will need to register for this Webinar.

You can access the **new Cleaning Specification via a link in SICP 6** (Safe management of the care environment) in the Manual, or via this link:  
<https://www.nss.nhs.scot/publications/safe-management-of-the-care-environment-shfn-01-05/>

- **Care Home Cleaning Specification workshops** Six workshops had 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. [Registration Link](#) This link now seems to have expired for staff attending from Grampian. However it is understood that one of the Webinars will be recorded and shared via TURAS link. Many attendees asked questions at the webinar attended by HPT staff and the organisers are going to publish a list of these with answers in due course. In the interim Care Homes are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the content of the specification and identify and manage any gaps where the current process or products in your home do not meet the specification - E.g. staff training, ordering single use cleaning items. In the appendices there is a list of cleaning schedules specific to the task in hand e.g. high touch cleaning and the frequency of cleaning different areas of the environment e.g. daily, weekly, enhanced, which can be adapted to your environment.

**Testing route for Other settings:** i.e. settings that are NOT registered as Older Adult Care Home with a Care Inspectorate number. HPT now advise that residents/ service users being tested with symptoms in the 'Other' care sector should arrange a test via nhs inform call 111. Symptomatic staff testing for all settings should continue via this route [COVID-19 Testing \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthcare-workers-and-contacts/COVID-19-testing/)

**New guidance on offering Care Home residents a FRSM published 8th of June**  
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance on the extended use of face masks and face coverings in hospitals, primary care, wider community care and adult care homes - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/publications/guidance-on-the-extended-use-of-face-masks-and-face-coverings-in-hospitals-primary-care-wider-community-care-and-adult-care-homes-2021-06-08/pages/1-32/index.html)  
([www.gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot)) Remember of course that this is not mandatory for residents/service users and should not be used if could compromise care or instigate undue distress amongst the people you support and care for.

**Vaccinations NHS Grampian:** Visit the NHSG Public Internet for up to date guidance and to, for example, arrange vaccinations for new staff via this link [COVID-19 Vaccination \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://www.nhs.uk/covid-19/vaccination)

**Information sessions with Assurance Nurse:** Many of you have had questions around what is involved at such a visit. One of the City Partnership nurses, Arlene Adams, has kindly agreed to invite you all to attend a remote teams sessions on the **24<sup>th</sup> of June 2-3pm**. Arlene plans to explain what is involved at such a visit so that you will have some idea of what to expect should you not of yet had a visit.

**Portable cooling fans:** Many of you have been asking about the use of fans.

HPT advise you can use **bladed** fans where the manufacturer's instructions can be followed to allow for the internal unit to be safely cleaned and disinfected as well, as the holding case. Evidence of cleaning and disinfection should be dated and signed and record retained. These should only be used in the individual resident's room and assigned to that resident. When in use the resident's door should be shut and other means of keeping comfortable should be explored such as adequate ventilation, use of cooling sprays and keeping the sun out by closing blinds. Also ensure resident has access to fresh fluids and are able to stay hydrated. Fans should be switched off when staff or visitor in that room and these should not be used in residential communal areas. A communication from HPS explains why we shouldn't use non bladed fans [SBAR: PORTABLE COOLING FANS \(BLADED and BLADELESS\) FOR USE IN](#)

**Care Home manager's fortnightly meetings:** next round of daily meetings for Care Home managers week commencing **21<sup>st</sup> June**.

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