

Unit 21: The Principles of Infection Prevention and Control

Unit code:	ICO1
Unit reference number:	L/501/6737
QCF level:	2
Credit value:	3
Guided learning hours:	30

Unit summary

To introduce the learner to national and local policies in relation to infection control; to explain employer and employee responsibilities in this area; to understand how procedures and risk assessment can help to minimise the risk of an outbreak of infection. Learners will also gain an understanding of how to use PPE correctly and the importance of good personal hygiene.

Assessment requirements

This unit must be assessed in accordance with Skills for Health's QCF Assessment Principles.

Assessment methodology

Learners can enter the types of evidence they are presenting for assessment and the submission date against each assessment criterion. Alternatively, centre documentation should be used to record this information.

Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcomes	Assessment criteria	Evidence type	Portfolio reference	Date
1 Understand roles and responsibilities in the prevention and control of infections	<p>1.1 explain employees' roles and responsibilities in relation to the prevention and control of infection</p> <p>1.2 explain employers' responsibilities in relation to the prevention and control of infection</p>			
2 Understand legislation and policies relating to prevention and control of infections	<p>2.1 outline current legislation and regulatory body standards which are relevant to the prevention and control of infection</p> <p>2.2 describe local and organisational policies relevant to the prevention and control of infection</p>			
3 Understand systems and procedures relating to the prevention and control of infections	<p>3.1 describe procedures and systems relevant to the prevention and control of infection</p> <p>3.2 explain the potential impact of an outbreak of infection on the individual and the organisation</p>			
4 Understand the importance of risk assessment in relation to the prevention and control of infections	<p>4.1 define the term 'risk'</p> <p>4.2 outline potential risks of infection within the workplace</p> <p>4.3 describe the process of carrying out a risk assessment</p> <p>4.4 explain the importance of carrying out a risk assessment</p>			

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5 Understand the importance of using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the prevention and control of infections	5.1 demonstrate correct use of PPE 5.2 describe different types of PPE 5.3 explain the reasons for use of PPE 5.4 state current relevant regulations and legislation relating to PPE 5.5 describe employees' responsibilities regarding the use of PPE 5.6 describe employers' responsibilities regarding the use of PPE 5.7 describe the correct practice in the application and removal of PPE 5.8 describe the correct procedure for disposal of used PPE			
6 Understand the importance of good personal hygiene in the prevention and control of infections	6.1 describe the key principles of good personal hygiene 6.2 demonstrate good hand washing technique 6.3 describe the correct sequence for hand washing 6.4 explain when and why hand washing should be carried out 6.5 describe the types of products that should be used for hand washing 6.6 describe correct procedures that relate to skincare			

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