

Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for visiting contractors

The following advice is designed to minimise the risk of Healthcare Associated Infection within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (GGC) and should be applied by all staff and visiting workmen across all GGC sites.

- The local estates department will supply a copy of the HAI SCRIBE for review and agreement ahead of any work being started. This should be completed before any works are carried out.
- Cover all cuts and abrasions with a waterproof dressing.
- Ensure that hand hygiene is carried out before entering and after leaving a clinical area (ward, outpatient department, theatre, clinic etc) using alcohol based hand rub located at the entrance to all wards and departments or soap and water. Hand washing should be carried out if hands are visibly dirty. The 6 stages of hand hygiene are displayed at the ward entrance and all clinical hand wash basins – this technique should be used for all hand hygiene.
- Do not enter wards wearing clothing contaminated with construction debris or dirty footwear – overshoes should be used or footwear changed.
- Do not enter patient room until you have sought advice from the nurse in charge. – you may be advised to wear additional personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Do not leave a patient room or bay wearing PPE – all PPE should be disposed of in clinical waste (orange bins) and hand hygiene carried out afterwards.
- Ensure that work areas are left clean and free from waste and debris.
- Any waste generated from the work carried out should be bagged before it leaves the work site / patient area and transported in a sealed container.
- Appropriate cleaning should take place where required, following completion of work and removal of all waste. Clinical clean may be required after builders clean – specified in HAI SCRIBE.
- Workmen are not permitted to use patient toilet facilities unless these have been designated for construction workers by estates staff.
- Workmen are not permitted to take food or consume food within clinical areas.
- Any workmen who are suffering from vomiting or diarrhoea should not enter clinical areas.
- Workmen must adhere to HAI SCRIBE at all times.