**Infection Control Care Plan for a patient with Loose Stools of unknown origin**

This Care checklist should be used with patients who have loose stools of unknown origin. This Care Plan should be followed to reduce the risk of transmitting faecal organisms to other patients, staff, carers and visitors, while the patient is considered infectious and then signed off at end of the isolation period / discharge. Each criteria should be ticked ✔ for in place or ✗ if not, the checklist should be then initialled after completion, daily.

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**Date Isolation commenced:** .................................................................

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<th>Patient Placement/ Assessment of Risk</th>
<th>Daily check (✔/✗)</th>
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<td>Patient isolated in a single room with en suite facilities / own commode until 48 hours asymptomatic. If a single room is not available, an IPCT risk assessment is completed (see Appendix 1)</td>
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<td>Place yellow isolation sign on the door to the isolation room</td>
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<td>Door to isolation room is closed when not in use. If for any reason this is not appropriate then an IPCT risk assessment is completed</td>
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<td>A Bristol stool chart is in use and is up to date</td>
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**Hand Hygiene (HH)**

- All staff must use correct 6 step technique for hand washing at 5 key moments
- HH facilities are offered to patient after using the toilet and prior to mealtimes etc. (clinical wash hand basic/ wipes where applicable)

**Personal Protective Clothing (PPE)**

- Disposable gloves and yellow apron are worn for all direct contact with the patient and their equipment/environment, removed before leaving the isolation area and discarded as clinical waste. HH must follow removal of PPE.

**Safe Management of Care Environment**

- Twice daily clean of isolation room is completed by Domestic services, using of a solution of 1,000 ppm Actichlor Plus (or equivalent). A terminal clean will be arranged on day of discharge/ end of isolation.

**Laundry and Clinical/Healthcare waste**

- All laundry is placed in a water soluble bag, then into a clear plastic bag (brown bag in mental health areas, then into a laundry bag).
- Clean linen must not be stored in the isolation room.
- All waste should be disposed of in the isolation room as clinical/ Healthcare waste

**Information for patients and their carers**

- The patient has been given information on their infection/ isolation and provided with a patient information leaflet (PIL) if available.
- If taking soiled clothing home, carers have been issued with a Washing Clothes at Home PIL. (NB. Personal laundry is placed into a water soluble bag and then into a patient clothing bag before being given to carer to take home)

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**Date Isolation ceased/ Terminal Clean completed:** ........................................

**Signature:** .................................................................

**Date:** ........................................

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**Patient Name:**

**CHI:**

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Date of Review: May 2019
Appendix 1: Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment
(for patients with known or suspected infection that cannot be isolated)

Daily Assessment / Review Required

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Daily Assessment Performed by

*Initials*

**Known or suspected Infection** e.g. unexplained loose stools, MRSA, Group A Strep, *C. difficile*, Influenza, pulmonary tuberculosis.

*Please state*

**Infection Control Risk**, e.g. unable to isolate, unable to close door of isolation room.

*Please state*

**Reason unable to isolate / close door to isolation room**, e.g. falls risk, observation required, clinical condition.

*Please state*

**Additional Precautions** put in place to reduce risk of transmission, e.g. nursed next to a clinical wash hand basin, at end of ward, trolley containing appropriate PPE at end of bed, next to low risk patient, clinical waste bin placed next to bed space.

*Please state*

**Infection Prevention and Control have been informed** of patient’s admission and are aware of inability to adhere to IPC Policy?

*Yes / No*

Summary Detail of Resolution

Daily risk assessments are no longer required

Signed ________________________________

Date ________________________________