



Hand hygiene compliance: Monthly Audit Tool for Domiciliary Care

Action

- This Audit Tool can be used as a rolling programme to audit compliance with your Hand hygiene Policy. It is recommended that all staff are assessed for hand hygiene technique on induction and at least annually.
- Please use additional copies of this form as necessary.
- All columns should be completed.
- During care activities, where possible, staff should be observed undertaking 'Key moments' see overleaf.
- During non-care situations, e.g. assessing hand hygiene technique after a team meeting, tick N/A in the 'Key moment' column.
- In the event of non-compliance, action plans should be produced and reviewed regularly to demonstrate continuous improvement.
- Completed audit tools should be kept locally for good practice assurance and as evidence for CQC inspections.

NOTES:

* Staff should be 'Bare below the elbows' (BBE) when delivering direct care to service users. BBE is being free from long-sleeved clothing, wrist and hand jewellery (other than one plain band ring). Long sleeves or religious bangles, if worn, should be pushed up and secured at the elbows. Disposable over-sleeves, if worn must be disposed of before performing hand hygiene. Finger nails should be short and clean, no nail varnish, false or acrylic nails, nail extensions or nail jewellery.

**Refer to the 'Hand hygiene technique for staff' Poster

	Unit/location			Date	
Staff member being observed	'Key moments' Was the opportunity taken to clean their hands at each moment	Staff are 'Bare below the elbows'*	Cuts and grazes are covered with a waterproof dressing	The correct hand hygiene technique is used when washing hands**	Paper towels are disposed of without touching the waste bin lid
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Key moments for hand hygiene

Your 5 moments for hand hygiene at the point of care



Adapted from the tritle rainfield for trainfield by Europe				
1	BEFORE SERVICE USER CONTACT	WHEN? Clean your hands before touching a service user when approaching him/her. WHY? To protect the service user against harmful germs carried on your hands.		
2	BEFORE A CLEAN/ASEPTIC PROCEDURE	WHEN? Clean your hands immediately before any clean/aseptic procedure. WHY? To protect the service user against harmful germs, including the service user's own, from entering his/her body.		
3	AFTER BODY FLUID EXPOSURE RISK	WHEN? Clean your hands immediately after an exposure risk to body fluids (and after glove removal). WHY? To protect yourself and the healthcare environment from harmful service user germs.		
4	AFTER SERVICE USER CONTACT	WHEN? Clean your hands after touching a service user and her/his immediate surroundings, when leaving the service user's side. WHY? To protect yourself and the healthcare environment from harmful service user germs.		
5	AFTER CONTACT WITH SERVICE USER'S SURROUNDINGS	WHEN? Clean your hands after touching any object or furniture in the service user's immediate surroundings when leaving—even if the service user has not been touched. WHY? To protect yourself and the healthcare environment from harmful service user germs.		



Hand hygiene technique for staff

If using liquid soap and warm water, use all steps, this should take at least 15-30 seconds.

If using alcohol handrub, use steps 2-8, applying a plamful of the alcohol handrub into a cupped hand.

