

Infection Prevention and Control Nurse/Practitioner

At Kirklees we want to be innovative and creative in the way we work to deliver our services to our communities. We know we have challenging times ahead so we are always looking for better and smarter ways to work.

The job holder will be a member of the Kirklees Council Infection Prevention and Control Team (IPC). The job holder will contribute to the development and improvement of Infection Prevention and Control Services in Kirklees, through risk assessment, surveillance and audit. The job holder will provide specialist Infection Prevention and Control advice, support and training to ensure a safe environment for patients, staff and visitors within services contracted by Kirklees Council.

This role is based within the Adult & Health Directorate. [Click here to find out more](#)

The Job

You will have an active role in all aspects of IPC throughout the population of Kirklees Council. The role will include recording, analysis, correlation and reporting of information from the laboratories. The job holder will work within a locality area to conduct, support and collate audits of IPC practice and surveillance of incidences of infection.

The role includes responsibility for working collaboratively with a range of health and social care providers to ensure high quality care across a number of sectors. Excellent organisational skills are required to lead the delivery of education and training, audits, surveillance and to support primary and community care colleagues in the IPC agenda.

Job Checklist

- To provide specialist knowledge and expert advice on all matters relating to IPC to the organisation, staff, general public and partner organisations, including independent contractors.
- Identify, investigate and monitor incidents and hazardous practices and evaluate outcomes of preventative measures instigated in line with legislation and national and local policy and guidelines.
- Work in collaboration with the Consultant Microbiologists, IPC Teams and the Public Health England Team in the areas of surveillance, monitoring and prevention of communicable diseases within the locality.
- To take a lead on the development and implementation of relevant strategies and action plans and implementation of an annual programme for IPC, to comply with national and local statute, guidance and best practice.
- Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of strategies for the management of incidents and outbreaks. Liaise with Acute Trust's, IPC Teams and Public Health England as appropriate regarding any actual or perceived difficulties in controlling the spread of infection and in the management of outbreaks.
- Keep informed of current research, developments and statutory provisions applicable to IPC and disseminate information as appropriate.
- Participate actively in the Clinical Governance process within Kirklees Council and partner organisations.
- To be responsible for monitoring all HCAI and other related diseases across the health economy against agreed standards and targets.
- Implementation and ongoing monitoring of IPC audits in provider services.
- Lead investigations using PIR tool for any community acquired MRSA bacteraemia or Clostridium Difficile Infection (CDI).
- Ability to manage and prioritise conflicting workloads to meet deadlines whilst working under own initiative.

Please [click here](#) to see your responsibilities related to safeguarding

The Person

We need our employees to be driven to achieve the best, to be hard working, respectful and thoughtful to each other and our customers and to be creative, wherever they work.

We are looking for a motivated and experienced IPC Nurse/Practitioner to join our team, who is passionate about IPC and supports the delivery of safe and effective clinical care, contributing to reducing the risks of healthcare associated infections within the community.

The job holder will be joining a supportive and proactive team, who value the contributions of each team member to help and ensure that IPC standards are embedded within all community health and social care organisations.

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The right behaviours and attitudes are as important to us as the skills you bring to the job. We expect all our employees to demonstrate the following behaviours:

- Positive
- Honesty
- Respectful
- Flexible
- Communicative
- Supportive

The Council Behaviours booklet can be found at jobs.kirklees.gov.uk under the heading 'Working for Kirklees'.

We also expect you to promote and role model the Council's Expectations of a New Council employee within the organisation. This role is at level 3. Click [here](#) to find out more

The IPC team work to a group agreement which reflects the behaviours listed above. You should demonstrate excellent communication negotiation, influencing, and presentation skills. Have the ability to motivate others and drive forward the Infection Prevention and Control agenda.

Person Checklist

- First level Registered Nurse or equivalent HCPC registered professional.
- Previous experience in IPC essential.
- Recognised Infection Prevention and Control Qualification and demonstrable clinical infection control experience.
- Teaching qualification.
- Evidence of continuing professional development relevant to practice area.
- To comply with the Nursing and Midwifery Council's (NMC) Code of Conduct, and or associated Professional Guidelines, demonstrating a programme of continuous education, maintain a professional portfolio, and where appropriate the comply with the revalidation process.
- Participate in clinical supervision.
- Accepts that a DBS check will be required.
- Travel is an essential part of this job and therefore it would be extremely difficult for you to do your job effectively if you did not use a car for all or most of the time. It is essential that you hold a full and valid driving licence and it is expected that you will either use a council vehicle or your own car.

This Role Profile is intended to provide an understanding and appreciation of the responsibilities of this particular job. It is not possible to specify every detail and we expect you to work flexibly within your skills, knowledge, experience and grade of this job.

For Recruitment Purposes: In order to be considered for this role you will need to demonstrate how you meet the requirements of the job in the attached short-listing questionnaire.