

Presentation

- Introduction to the Infection Prevention Society by our President
- Information about our conference in September by the Scientific Programme Lead
- Background to the development of the Competences
- The structure of the Competences
- The use of the Competences
- Interviews with practitioners











Current Situation

- High profile profession
- Rapidly changing healthcare systems
- Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Culture
- Increasing public awareness
- Increasing media attention
- Zero tolerance to healthcare associated infections
- Evolving Infection Prevention and Control Teams





Challenges for Infection Prevention Increasing admissions Ageing population Reduced length of patient stay More invasive clinical procedures More surveillance More screening Information and performance feedback Scarce resource management Competing priorities The Government White Paper

Background: Competency Development

- ICNA (2001)
- ICNA (2004)
- IPSE (2008)
- Blue Sky Day (2008)
- Expansion from IPS alone to UK wide partnership (2010)
- Publication of new framework (2011)



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Addressing the Challenges

- Highly visible Infection Prevention and Control Teams
- Expert advice and support
- Pro-active and re-active
- Use data to drive improvement
- Clear direction to plan ahead
- Research
- Competent workforce



Important Considerations

- Not 'one size fits all'
- Applicable to all nations
- Link to eKSF for PDPs
- NHS and non NHS
- Multi professional
- Take account of current competencies
- Inclusion of 'softer skills'
- Inclusion of specialist knowledge and skills
- Workable and user friendly (Cooper 2008)

Competence vs Competency

Competence

'the skills and ability to practice safely and effectively without the need for being supervised directly' (NMC 2002)

Competency

'person-orientated, in reference to underlying characteristics and qualities that are indicative of effective performance of a job' (McMullen 2003)

Links to Other Frameworks

- Support the use of the Knowledge and Skills Framework (KSF) within the NHS
- Four domains of the Advanced Practitioner toolkit for Modernising Nursing Careers
- Skills for Health: National Occupational Standards (NOS)
- Resonates with DH advanced level nursing: A position statement
- NHS Leadership Qualities Framework





The Use of the Competences

Organisations which are looking for expertise to drive forward the infection prevention and control agenda

Managers of health and social care services Educational commissioners and providers

Practitioners working at or near the advanced level of practice

Practitioners who contribute to infection prevention and control and who have an interest in further development

The Use of the Competences

- Provide clarity for roles and responsibilities
- Benchmarks for recruitment, appraisal and performance management
- Help development of specifications for services
- Contribute to education and training
 Contribute to continuous professional
- developmentHelp development of practitioners working towards advanced practice













Knowledge, Understanding and Skills

Example of knowledge required to meet the performance indicators

Legislation, national guidance and outcomes / indicators relating to the design, construction and modification of the built environment in general and health and social care facilities in particular (e.g. ventilation, water sources,

waste management, hygiene)



Links to the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework and NOS

- This competence relates to the following dimensions and levels within the NHS KSF:
- EF2 Environments and Buildings Level 4
- Links to national occupational standards
- The following national occupational standards relate to this competence:
- HSC 3117 Conduct a health and safety risk assessment of a workplace - see ...

https://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show?code=HSC3117



Key Benefits of Competency Document

'People with clear, written goals, accomplish far more in a shorter period of time, than people without them could ever imagine' (Brian Tracy)





