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3. COVID-19 infection prevention and control guidance: governance and responsibilities

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Organisations and employers including NHS Trusts, NHS Boards, Health and Social Care Trusts (Northern Ireland), Local Authorities, Independent Sector providers, through their Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or equivalent must ensure:

- monitoring of IPC practices, as recommended in this guidance, and ensure that resources are in place to implement and measure adherence to good IPC practice. This must include all care areas and all staff (permanent, agency and external contractors)
- testing and self-isolation strategies are in place with a local policy for the response if transmission rates of COVID 19 increase
- training in IPC measures are provided to all staff, including: the correct use of PPE (including a face fit test if wearing a filtering face piece (FFP3), respirator, and the correct technique for putting on and removing (donning/doffing) safely
- risk assessment(s) is undertaken for any staff members in at risk or clinically extremely vulnerable groups, including pregnant and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) staff. Guidance on carrying out risk assessments can be found by following the country-specific IPC COVID-19 resources (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control/introduction-and-organisational-preparedness>).
- patients/individuals at high risk/extremely high risk of severe illness are protected from COVID-19. This must include consideration of families and carers accompanying patients/individuals for treatments/procedures
- health and care settings are COVID-19 secure workplaces as far as practical, that is, that any workplace risk(s) are mitigated maximally for everyone

Disclaimer

When an organisation adopts practices that differ from those recommended/stated in this national guidance, that individual organisation is responsible for ensuring safe systems of work, including the completion of a risk assessment(s) approved through local governance procedures, for example Integrated Care System level, Health Board.

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