

## LTHT Infection Control Policies

### Policy No. 1

#### When Should You Contact Infection Control?

**Scope:** this policy is aimed at all members of Trust staff both permanent and temporary.

#### **When should you contact Infection Control?**

##### **1. When you know or suspect that any patients or staff have:**

- Chickenpox or shingles.
- Diarrhoea and/or vomiting **that cannot be explained by the patient's known condition.**  
(See LTHT policy on gastro-intestinal infections)  
(See LTHT policy on viral gastroenteritis)
- Legionnaires disease.
- A notifiable disease. (See Notification of Communicable Diseases policy, and Point 4 below).
- Scabies or other human parasites
- Symptoms of unexplained infection, and a history of foreign travel.
- Any other actual or suspected infection, which you feel, we should know about.
- Or if you have had close contact with any of the above
- Patient's diagnosed with or have a differential diagnosis of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) or Creutzfeldt Jakob disease (CJD).

##### **2. Also, if:**

- Any increase in the numbers of infections is noted or suspected.
- You suspect that infections may be connected

- Any patient from another health care provider with an infection-related problem is admitted or transferred to your area.
- Purchasing new equipment for ward areas or departments.
- If your ward/department/ work area is planning refurbishment/decoration.

**3. If you have any other queries relating to the prevention and control of infection, then contact the Infection Control Department.**

**Contact Details:**

For Infection Control advice in office hours, contact the Infection Control team on **Ext. 22691**

For urgent out of hours advice contact the on-call Consultant Medical Microbiologist via switchboard.

**4. Notifiable diseases**

If you know or suspect a patient is suffering from one of the following diseases contact Infection Control (see Notification of Communicable Diseases policy

The following diseases are notifiable under the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984:

<b>Cholera</b>	<b>Plague</b>	<b>Relapsing Fever</b>
<b>Smallpox</b>	<b>Typhus</b>	

The following diseases are notifiable under the Public Health (Infectious Disease) Regulations 1988:

<b>Acute encephalitis</b>	<b>Mumps</b>
<b>Acute poliomyelitis</b>	<b>Ophthalmia neonatorum</b>
<b>Anthrax</b>	<b>Paratyphoid fever</b>
<b>Diphtheria</b>	<b>Rabies</b>
<b>Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)</b>	<b>Rubella</b>
<b>Food poisoning</b>	<b>Scarlet fever</b>
<b>Leprosy</b>	<b>Tetanus</b>
<b>Leptospirosis</b>	<b>Tuberculosis</b>
<b>Malaria</b>	<b>Typhoid fever</b>
<b>Measles</b>	<b>Viral haemorrhagic fever</b>
<b>Meningitis</b>	<b>Viral hepatitis</b>
<b>Meningococcal septicaemia (without meningitis)</b>	<b>Whooping cough</b>
	<b>Yellow fever</b>

## **AIDS/HIV infection**

HIV is not statutorily notifiable; however for epidemiological purposes the Consultant in Communicable Diseases (CCDC) would appreciate information about local cases.  
Contact 0113 247 6286

**For patients with AIDS, there is a voluntary national notification system.**

***The money to manage HIV infections and AIDS is allocated to districts on the basis of this voluntary notification***

## **Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs)/Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease (CJD)**

TSES /CJD are not notifiable diseases; however staff caring for any patient who is in one of the patient risk categories should notify the Infection Control Team as soon as is reasonably practical.

All cases of clinically suspected TSE/CJD of any type should be reported by the clinician caring for the patient to the National CJD Surveillance Unit, contact information for the unit is given below.

Professor R G Will  
Director, National CJD Surveillance Unit,  
Western General Hospital,  
Crewe Road,  
Edinburgh EH4 2XUT, Tel: 0131 332 2117, Fax: 0131 343 1404

In addition the Consultant in Communicable Disease Control (CCDC) - Leeds Health Protection Agency, would appreciate information about local cases.  
Contact 0113 247 6286

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