



DHSSPS Infection Control E-learning programme

Introduction

This document provides information on the “Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Prevention” e-learning programme that has been commissioned by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) for use in Northern Ireland. The document explains the background to and structure of the programme, and provides information on how participants can gain access to this training resource.

Background to the Programme

The DHSSPS(NI), in line with the ‘Changing the Culture’ strategy, have made available to Healthcare Organisations an infection control e-learning programme. The programme was designed and developed by NHS Education for Scotland, and is also being used by NHS Wales. This programme is available for use as an additional infection control training resource in the H&SC Trusts and H&SS Board areas. It is also being offered to staff in other healthcare organisations such as GP practices, residential and care homes, and to students in the two Universities in Northern Ireland. The Beeches Management Centre is working with the DHSSPSNI on the implementation of this programme.

Accessing the Programme

The programme is available online, at <http://www.hai-champions.hscni.net>
Access to the programme requires a username and password, which can be obtained from a programme registration officer.

Programme Units

The e-learning programme consists of eleven learning units, which cover various aspects of infection control. The learning units are as follows:

- Unit 1: Why champions
- Unit 2: The chain of infection
- Unit 3: Hand hygiene
 - 3(a) The importance of hand hygiene
 - 3(b) Methods of hand decontamination
 - 3(c) Hand hygiene non-compliance issues and action plan
- Unit 4: Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Unit 5: Safe use and disposal of sharps
- Unit 6: Maintenance of a clean healthcare environment
- Unit 7: Safe handling and disposal of waste
- Unit 8: Food hygiene and pest control
- Unit 9: Staff hygiene and dress
- Unit 10: Patient care practices
- Unit 11: The role of the champion and its impact on the patient’s experience

