



# IPC Champion Role Birmingham Adult Social Care Sector

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# What is an IPC Champion

- The Infection Prevention Control (IPC) Champion is a key role within a care setting or care provider organisation.
- It is envisaged that developing an IPC Champion role within the adult social care sector will provide care providers with a sound knowledge base to maintain and improve IPC standards.
- IPC Champions will be someone who is enthusiastic about safe infection prevention and control, constantly striving to protect residents/service users, staff and visitors from infection.
- The key to the success of IPC Champions is to ensure that the role itself is recognised as an integral part of the organisation .

# Who can be an IPC Champion?

An IPC Champion can be anyone with an interest in infection prevention and control – the main requirement is an enthusiasm and passion for safe infection prevention and control practices to protect residents/service users, staff and visitors for example:

- Care worker
- Senior care worker
- Care coordinator
- Manager or Deputy manager
- Registered nurse
- Activities coordinator
- Healthcare assistant
- Cleaner / Housekeeper
- Maintenance staff
- Administration staff

# What does an IPC Champion do?

- Promote best IPC practice and where necessary challenge poor practice or non-compliance.
- Develop their IPC knowledge to empower them to undertake the role confidently, whilst also encouraging staff to learn and share from experiences.
- Undertake IPC audits to provide assurance and identify areas for improvement.
- Help maintain and continuously improve IPC standards across the organisation - ensuring the safety of residents/service users, staff and visitors.
- Allow the good work started under the COVID-19 response to be embedded and sustained.
- Shares their knowledge and expertise to improve IPC practice – this may include supporting individuals, developing posters/leaflets to promote good IPC practice, providing workshops or training on IPC.
- Provides updates at staff meetings on IPC issues at the care setting, as well as on new local or national guidance.
- Attends any meetings of IPC Champions and additional training – in person or online to; maintain and develop knowledge; for professional networking; and to share ideas and good practice.

# IPC Champion support in Birmingham

To Support the IPC Champion role you will have access to:

- Birmingham City Council's IPC website (including updated IPC guidance, training videos and resources, IPC audit tools)
- Access to participate in national promotional events including IPC forums and World Hand Hygiene Day
- Quarterly IPC Champion Newsletter
- Quarterly IPC Champion Forum
- Access to a Workbook of resources to support you deliver Mandatory IPC Training, Urinary Catheter Care, Mouth Care Matters and Food Hygiene Key points.
- Access to regular IPC Champions course – including a certificate and a Birmingham IPC Champions pin badge as recognition of your role.
- Access to specialist IPC advice and guidance on a case-by-case basis
- Access to a network of IPC Champions across Birmingham for sharing of best practice, advice and guidance and professional networking

# The benefits of being an IPC Champion

- Being an IPC Champion provides opportunities to develop and enhance knowledge of infection prevention and control and to learn skills such as in auditing, planning events and displays, and presenting at team meetings.
- The IPC champion will be seen as an essential link for the care setting, challenging poor IPC practice, monitoring compliance and appropriate use of PPE whilst also providing positive feedback to the team.
- The introduction of the IPC Champions role will be pivotal in promoting best IPC practice across Birmingham's regulated adult social care sector.
- IPC forums also provide a safe space where issues can be discussed openly and hopefully resolved by the sharing of experiences and good practice.





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