

<b>Health and Safety General Risk Assessment Form</b>				
<b>Division: Midlands Louth Meath CHO</b>		<b>Source of Risk: Infection</b>		
<b>HG/CHO/NAS/Function: Older Persons</b>		<b>Primary Impact Category: Residents/visitors/staff in the Centre</b>		
<b>Hospital Site/Service: Drogheda Services for Older People</b>		<b>Risk Type: Infection Control</b>		
<b>Dept/Service Site: All areas of St Mary's Hospital</b>		<b>Name of Risk Owner (BLOCKS): SEAMUS MCCAUL (PIC)</b>		
<b>Date of Assessment: February 2022</b>		<b>Signature of Risk Owner:</b>		
<b>Unique ID No: 018</b>		<b>Risk Co-Ordinator: Yvonne Buckley</b>		
		<b>Risk Assessor (s): Seamus McCaul</b>		
<b>HAZARD &amp; RISK DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL CONTROLS REQUIRED</b>	<b>ACTION OWNER</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Risk of harm to a person due to a failure to fully comply with the National Standards for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections And PPPGs for Prevention and Control of Healthcare Acquired infection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ascertain infection status of resident prior to admission.</li> <li>• Staff use standard precautions at all times.</li> <li>• Staff have access to all relevant local and national PPPGs</li> <li>• Staff to wear appropriate PPE as organised by HSE</li> <li>• Staff to participate in training in use of PPE and follow strictly all policies in relation to PPE.</li> <li>• Staff to report any issues with wearing of PPE</li> <li>• Staff to be fit tested as</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Induction for all new staff to include infection prevention and control training and support in line with local and national PPPGs</li> <li>• Staff programme of peer vaccination to be commenced to improve the uptake of the flu vaccine amongst staff.</li> </ul>	PIC	Review date January 2023

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	<p>instructed by Infection Control Link Practitioner Nurse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff not to come on duty with any flu like symptoms or symptoms of COVID 19</li><li>• Staff invited to attend for serial swabbing as it arises within the service.</li><li>• Staff have access to new data relevant to infection prevention and control as appropriate.</li><li>• Follow all HPSC Guidance for community services/RESIDENTIAL SERVICES.</li><li>• All staff to follow HIQA Guidance.</li><li>• Wear appropriate PPEs and remove before leaving the area.</li><li>• All staff adhere to strict hygiene practices.</li><li>• Ensure that room is completely decontaminated once vacated.</li><li>• Ensure that the infection status of a resident is</li></ul>			
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	<p>known and that same is documented and that all staff co-operate with controls in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff to attend infection control/hand hygiene training</li><li>• Residents encouraged to accept the flu vaccine each year.</li><li>• Staff encouraged to avail of COVID 19 Vaccination</li><li>• Risk assessments on staff morning and evening at commencement and ending of duties.</li><li>• Risk assessments to be undertaken with all visitors.</li><li>• Visitors and relatives invited to undertake regular antigen tests if visiting frequently</li><li>• Visitors who visit infrequently invited to undertake antigen tests before their visit.</li><li>• Visitors should not attend if they have any gastric or flu like symptoms no matter how mild.</li></ul>			
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			RISK STATUS					
Likelihood			Open		Monitor		Closed	
possible			yes		yes		open	