

## Further Information

We produce the following guides to key infections.

The guides explain how these infections work and what steps can be taken to keep safe and healthy.

1. MRSA
2. Chicken Pox
3. Gastro-enteritis
4. Clostridium Difficile
5. Guidelines for the De-colonisation treatment for patients with MRSA

To receive a copy of these leaflets please ask any member of staff who can print one for you.

**Infection Prevention and Control is one of 2gether NHS Foundation Trust top priorities.**

**The risk of acquiring an infection during a hospital stay is low, but as a patient or visitor you can help further reduce the risk by following advice within this leaflet.**

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## **Cleanliness**

Cleanliness is one of the most important factors in providing a healthy environment.

All our wards and departments are cleaned daily. In our wards we display the frequency of cleaning, which is often a number of times during the day and evening.

If you have any issues over cleanliness please speak with the Manager or Nurse in Charge immediately.

We ensure strict hygiene procedures are adhered to by our staff.

Our staff are trained in hand washing so please do not hesitate to ask a doctor, nurse or clinician to wash their hands if you think they need reminding.

You will find hand washing wipes at entrances to all of our inpatient wards.

Please remember to use these on entering and exiting the ward.

These wipes are not a substitute for hand washing, some germs are only killed by hot water and soap hand washing thoroughly.

Our staff who handle food receive extra dedicated training.

## **When to wash your hands**

- Always after visiting the toilet
- Always before eating or handling food
- When your hands are visibly soiled

## **Infection Control**

Occasionally outbreaks of infections may occur.

We limit the extent of these infections through thorough procedures and careful monitoring of the situation.

On occasions we may limit access to wards or ask that special care is taken to thoroughly wash hands regularly on visiting.

We ask that if you have had vomiting or diarrhoea then please do not visit until you have been symptom free for 48 hours.