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Clean, bare hands that are washed regularly with soap and water or alcohol hand rub are just as effective as gloves where there is no exposure to mucous membrane or bodily fluids.

Gloves Off! campaign: one-year anniversary & relaunch

THE Somerset ICB Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) team is pleased to mark the one-year anniversary of our **Gloves Off** campaign, aimed at promoting appropriate glove use in healthcare. We are excited to relaunch this initiative on **May 5th, 2025**, aligning with the **World Health Organisation's Hand Hygiene Day**.

Over the past year, we have been working closely with **West Mendip PCN**, particularly **Glastonbury Care Home**, which is running the **Gloves Off** campaign as a **quality improvement project**. They are already seeing **significant**

benefits, including:

- Reduction in costs
- Less waste
- Improved hand hygiene audit scores

We encourage **all GP practices** to make use of our **resources** and help **promote appropriate glove use** within their teams.

Sustainability in healthcare, especially in infection prevention and control, is key to **reducing environmental impact** while ensuring **patient and staff safety**. By embracing **eco-friendly** infection control measures, we can:

- Improve patient outcomes
- Reduce costs
- Create a healthier environment for all

We look forward to your continued **support and involvement** as we drive forward **sustainable infection control**.

Please see links to further information and resources below:

[Gloves Off Somerset - NHS Somerset ICB](#)

[Resources for your patients - NHS Somerset ICB](#)

Positive feedback for IPC Lead Nurse Development Day

ON WEDNESDAY 19th March, we held our third development day for IPC lead nurses.

The tickets were snapped up in a matter of days.

For those of you who attended, we hope you enjoyed it. We received some great feedback.

"An excellent day, excellent



speakers"

"Up to date

knowledge"

"Very informative up-

date"

"All relevant. C.diff pop ups on records I plan to sort and I will try to purchase the PIP urine pots"

Although a couple of people felt it could have been more focussed on Primary Care and were con-

fused by the frequent use of acronyms. We will bear this in mind for future sessions.

We will be running a repeat on Wednesday 19th November.

There will be a change in venue.

It will be held at Edgar Hall, in Somerton. Because it is a larger venue, we won't have to be so strict on numbers. Details to follow. Make sure you get your manager's permission before agreeing to attend.

Useful stuff

Pop in for a chat about IPC

OUR IPC nurses will be available online for you to ask any IPC-related questions on Wednesday 9 April between 2pm-4pm. Click on the [link](#) to access via MSTeams.

How did we do?

LET us have your feedback if you have recently received a support visit from one of the IPC team. Please provide any comments/feedback using this [link](#). Responses are anonymous.

Glow box for training

THE IPC team hold a hand hygiene glow box which providers can borrow for in-house hand hygiene training sessions.

[Email the team in-box](#) to request it. The glow box can be collected directly from Wynford House, Yeovil (we appreciate this being returned after your training session).

Tick awareness

FOR those interested, Please see the link to the [Tick awareness campaign toolkit](#)