

The ELFT Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) Team for Luton & Bedfordshire

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**Please remember: While
the Infection Prevention
and Control team can
provide expert advice, the
prevention and control of
infections is truly
EVERYONE'S business**

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We care

We respect

We are inclusive

What do we do?

The ELFT Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) team is primarily an advisory service with the overall aim of promoting a safe environment for patients, visitors and staff where infection risks are kept to a minimum.

We firmly believe that **infection prevention and control is everyone's business** and strive to provide support to our staff and the public with this regard. We aim to do this through the following activities:

- Producing policies for the organisation based on the latest evidence and best body of knowledge available
- Training our clinical and support staff in all relevant aspects of infection prevention and control
- Carrying out audits or supporting our staff in doing so, to ensure the safety of our patients and staff
- Being involved in clinical service development, for example advising management and senior clinical staff when remodelling any premises or moving to new builds
- Monitoring cases of infections due to 'alert organisms' such as MRSA and *Clostridium difficile*

- Assisting staff (in our in-patient areas) in the management of outbreaks of infectious diseases to minimise their impact
- Educating patients and visitors with regard to their responsibility in preventing the spread of infection and providing specific advice to the general public if required.

As a part of a larger team of Infection Prevention and Control professionals in East London NHS Foundation Trust, we Collaborate with relevant external organisations such as Public Health England and Clinical Commissioning Group as well as local acute trust and other health care providers.



Who's in our team?

The Director of Infection Prevention and Control who has the executive authority and responsibility for ensuring the implementation of our organisation's Infection Prevention and Control strategies.

The Deputy Director of Infection Prevention and Control, with an overall responsibility for the delivery of Infection Prevention and Control services across the organisation.

Infection Control Doctors, providing microbiology advice.

Infection Control Lead Nurses are responsible for all Infection Prevention and Control activities across allocated services.

Infection Control Nurses, with the responsibility for day-to-day activities of the team.

Administrative staff, Providing administrative support to the IPC team.

We are also assisted in our activities by our **Infection Control Link Practitioners** who are representatives from our clinical services who oversee the implementation of good infection prevention and control practices in their specific environments.