Infection Prevention Quality Improvement Tools

Care Setting Rapid Improvement Tool : Inpatient/care home MH/LD

Functional Area: .... Start Date: .... Overall Auditors: ....

Module: Mental Health & Learning Disabilities RIT

Date: .... Auditors: ....

Standard: The risk of healthcare associated infection is minimised in the Healthcare setting

Question Set: Mental Health & Learning Disabilities RIT - Mental Health & Learning Disabilities   Observation: 1

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Are care pathways/care plans maintained for patients with alert organisms/conditions? (77, 78, 82)	Check care pathways/care plan for patients with alert organisms such as MRSA, C.diff or ESBL.				
2	Is an infection risk assessment carried out on each patient at admission and the results recorded?	Check one patient`s notes.				
3	Is the environment visibly clean? (15, 20, 52, 53, 80, 84, 86)	Check walls, windows, ceilings, fans and light fittings are free from dust/debris/insects etc.				
4	Are alcohol based hand rub bottles available at the point of care? (55, 90)	Check it is within reach, this may be a personal dispenser .				
5	Are the commodes visibly clean and ready for use? (20, 52, 84)	Check underneath the seat, the underside, frame and foot rest and check there is a system of assurance that the commode has been cleaned.				
6	Is the macerator or bedpan washer in good working order?	Check macerator is working correctly by closing the lid, applying water (enough to cover seal), start machine and check for air bubbles rising from seal or small splashes. (Please check with manufacturer`s instructions first and wear eye protection) If intact, no bubbles or splashing will be seen. Check macerator is empty at the end of the cycle. OR Bed pan washer is visibly clean and meeting the appropriate temperature of 80 degrees C for 1 minute.				
7	Can staff describe the decontamination of commonly used equipment?	Ask staff to describe how they would clean two different items.			▓	
8	Are single use items disposed of following use? (87)	Check a selection on equipment e.g. syringes medicine pots or ask a member of staff about practice.			▓	
9	Is cleaning equipment and machinery left clean and dry after use? (52, 85, 86)	Visually check.				
10	Is there a designated area for the storage of clean linen which is separate to used linen?	Check for linen in sluice or bathroom.				
11	Are sharps disposed of safely and at the point of use? (20, 81)	Observe practice or ask a member of staff to describe procedure. Also check that clean trays/bins are available and are compatible with the bins in use.				

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12	Is a single use apron worn when in contact or anticipated contact with body fluids or contaminated items or significant physical contact? (20, 79)	Observe practice or ask a member of staff to describe procedure.				
13	Are gloves worn when in contact or anticipated contact with body fluids or in potential contact with contaminated items? (20, 79)	Observe practice such as handling of contaminated dressings/cleaning equipment.			▨	

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