

Draft revision of the national standards for the prevention and control of Healthcare Associated Infections in acute healthcare services



Consultation feedback form

10 October 2016

Your views are very important to us. We would like to hear what you think about the *Draft revision of the national standards for the prevention and control of Healthcare Associated Infections in acute healthcare services*. We will consider your comments, which will inform the development of the final national standards.

The draft revision of national standards contains 31 standard statements under eight themes. Each standard statement has a list of features that services meeting the standard are likely to have in place. You can comment on any or all of them, or you may wish to make general comments. When commenting on a specific standard or feature, it would help us if you tell us the number of the standard (such as Standard 2.3) or the feature number (for instance, Feature 2.3.1) that you are commenting on.

- The draft revision of the national standards are designed to apply to all acute healthcare services, provided or funded by the Health Service Executive (HSE).
- The draft revision of the national standards does not cover primary and community health and social care services, and does not set out specific clinical practice detail, which is best described in clinical practice guidelines.

Please note the focus for this consultation is the content, design and structure of the draft standards.

**The closing date for consultation feedback
is Friday 18 November 2016 at 5pm.**

Instructions for submitting feedback

- If completing this form online, please scroll down and complete the full form.
- Include the reference number of the standard (such as Standard 2.3) or feature number (such as Feature 2.3.1) that you are commenting on.
- If commenting on behalf of an organisation, please combine all feedback from your organisation into one single submission.
- Do not paste other tables into the boxes already provided. Please type directly into the box as the box will automatically expand.
- Do not include medical information about yourself or another person from which you or the person could be identified.
- Spell out any initialisms, acronyms or abbreviations that you may use.

You can email or post a completed form to us. You can also complete and submit your feedback on www.hiqa.ie.

Freedom of Information

Please note that the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) is subject to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Acts and the statutory Code of Practice regarding FOI. Following the consultation, we will publish a paper summarising the responses received. For that reason, it would be helpful if you could explain to us if you regard the information that you have provided to us as being confidential.

If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

Personal data

Any personal data collected as part of this consultation will be held securely and used only for the purpose of developing the draft standards. It will be retained until the standards development process is complete. All personal data will be erased once the standards development process is complete.

1. About you

Name:	
Are you commenting on behalf of your organisation or in a personal capacity?	Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/>
Please include the name of the organisation if making this submission on its behalf	
If you work in a healthcare service, please specify your role	
Contact details (optional) We are requesting your contact details as we may need to contact you to seek clarification on specific aspects of your feedback. It is not mandatory to provide this information.	

2. General feedback questions

The *Draft revision of the national standards for the prevention and control of Healthcare Associated Infections in acute healthcare services* are intended to promote a culture of patient safety through the efforts of all staff working together to reduce Healthcare Associated Infections. The draft standards are being published to allow the public to offer feedback on them.

Therefore, we would like to hear your views on the use of these draft standards as part of an overall strategy to ensure the sustainable delivery of safe and effective infection prevention and control in Irish hospitals. We would like to find out what you think of the draft standards, for example:

- Do you think that all the areas that you consider important are covered?
- Are the standards and features clear and easy to understand?

Content of the draft standards

2.1. Layout and design

Please note that these are draft standards for consultation. The final document may contain different colours and images where suitable.

Question 1: a) Is the language used in the draft Standards clear, easy to follow and easy to understand? **Yes** **No**

b) Is the layout and design of the draft standards clear, easy to follow and easy to understand? **Yes** **No**

Additional comments if necessary

2.2. Accessibility

It is intended that these draft standards will be frequently referenced by service providers, patients and members of the public.

Question 2: What do you think would be the most useful format for the draft standards?

- Hard copy
- Electronic
- Audio
- Easy-to-read
- All of the above

If other, please specify

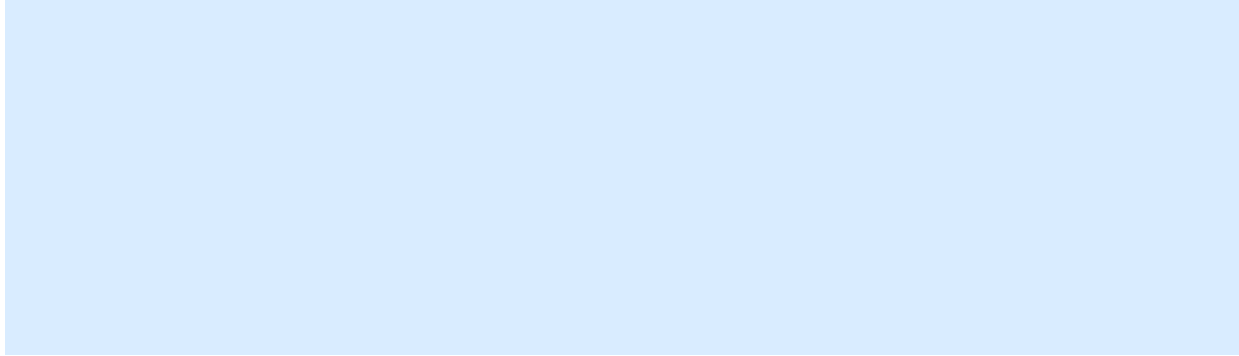
2.3. Acute healthcare services

Acute healthcare services are hospital-based healthcare services for inpatients (people who stay overnight), outpatients (people who attend the hospital during the day) and people having day-case treatments (such as surgery, but who attend hospital and return home on the same day).

For the purposes of the standards, service providers are defined as any person, organisation or part of an organisation delivering healthcare services.

Question 3: What impact will the draft revised standards for the prevention and control of Healthcare Associated Infections have in Irish hospitals when they are in place?

Comment

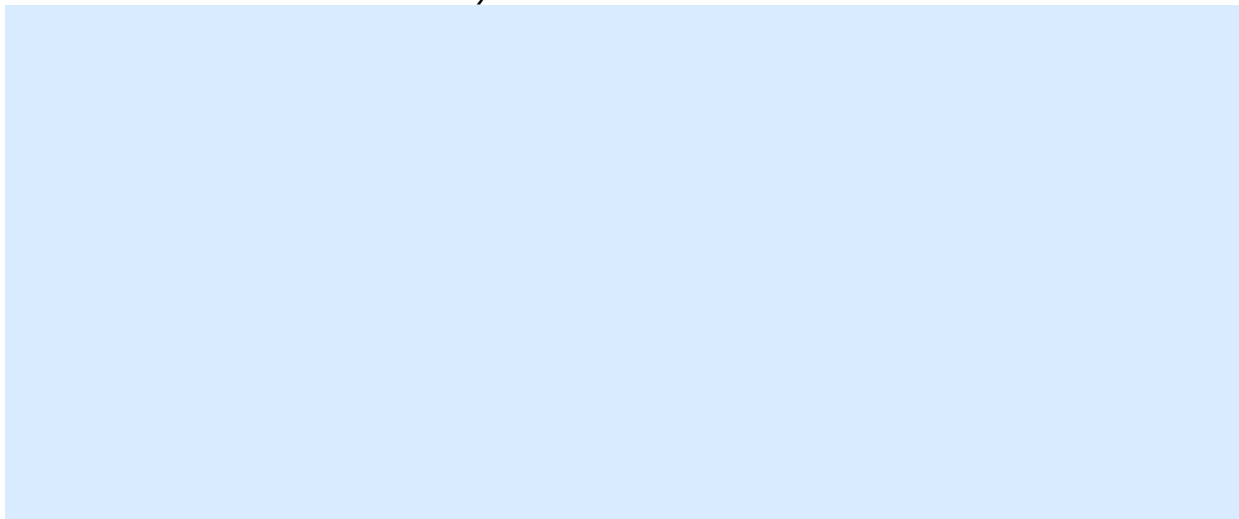


2.4. Person-centred care

Person-centred care ensures that patients are well informed, involved and supported in the prevention and control of Healthcare Associated Infections throughout their care pathway.

Question 4: Is a person-centred care approach evident throughout all themes within the draft standards? **Yes** **No**

Additional comments if necessary



3. Specific feedback questions

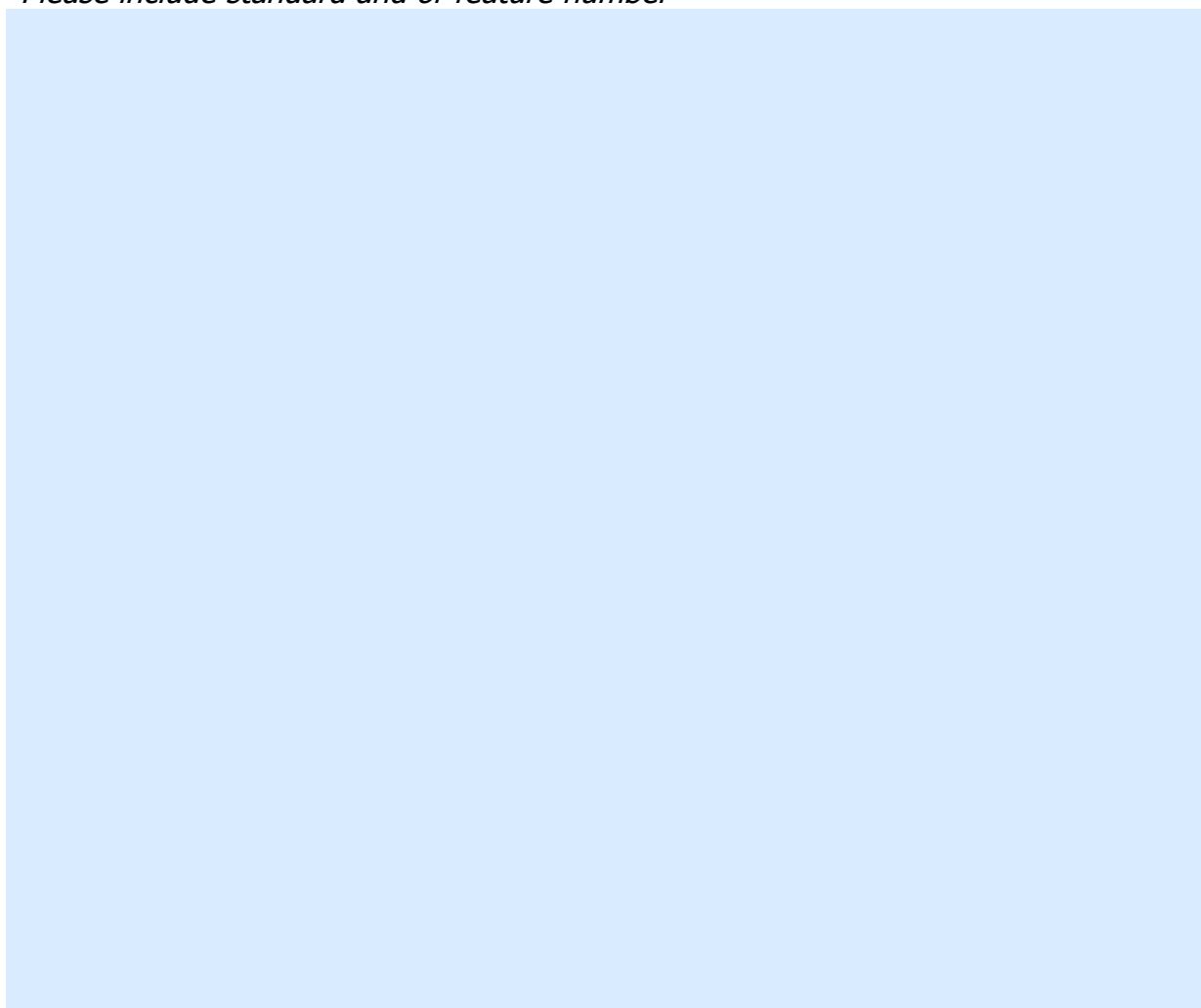
In this section, please provide your comments on the draft revised standards and or features. Please consider the following questions as part of your review.

- Have all important areas been covered within each standard or are there any areas that should be included or excluded?
- Do the features listed provide sufficient guidance to service providers to meet the standard?

In the case of each of your comments, please provide the reference number of the standard (such as Standard 2.3) or feature (for instance, Feature 2.3.1) that you are commenting on.

3 (a) Theme 1: Person-centred Care and Support

Please include standard and or feature number





3 (b) Theme 2: Effective Care and Support

Please include standard and or feature number



3 (c) Theme 3: Safe Care and Support

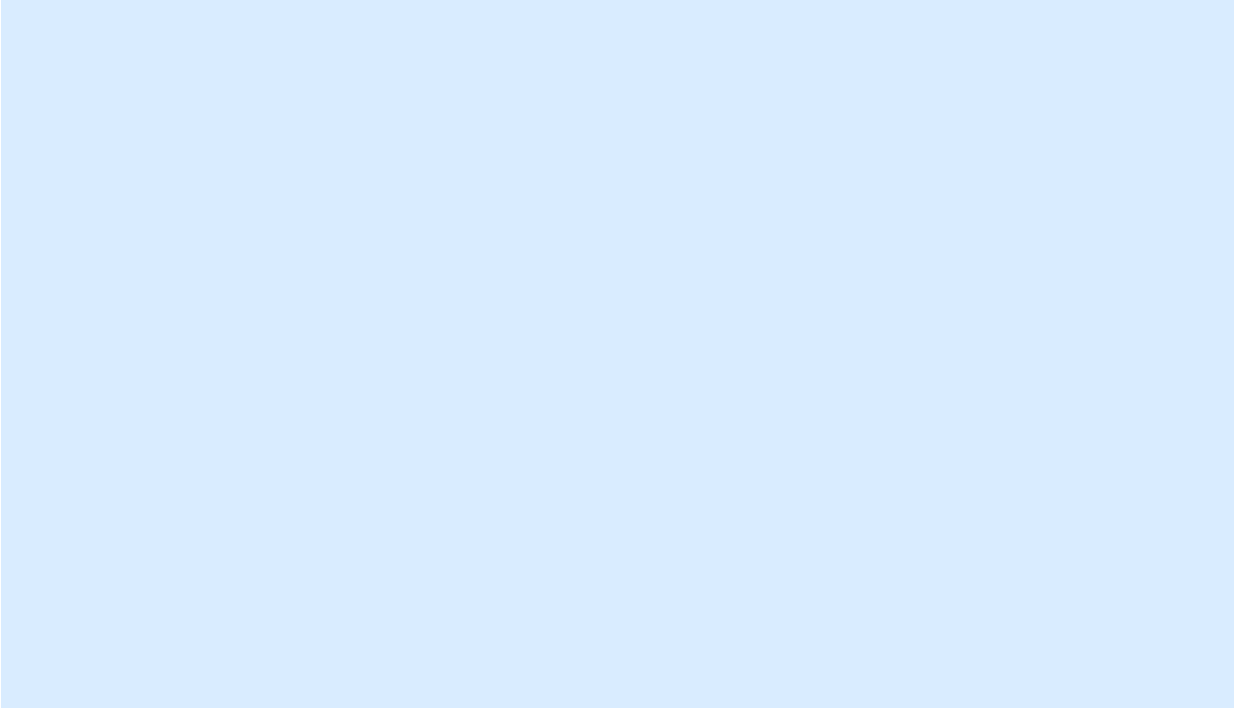
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3 (d) Theme 4: Better Health and Wellbeing

Please include standard and or feature number



3 (e) Theme 5: Leadership, Governance and Management

Please include standard and or feature number





3 (f) Theme 6: Workforce

Please include standard and or feature number



3 (g) Theme 7: Use of Resources

Please include standard and or feature number



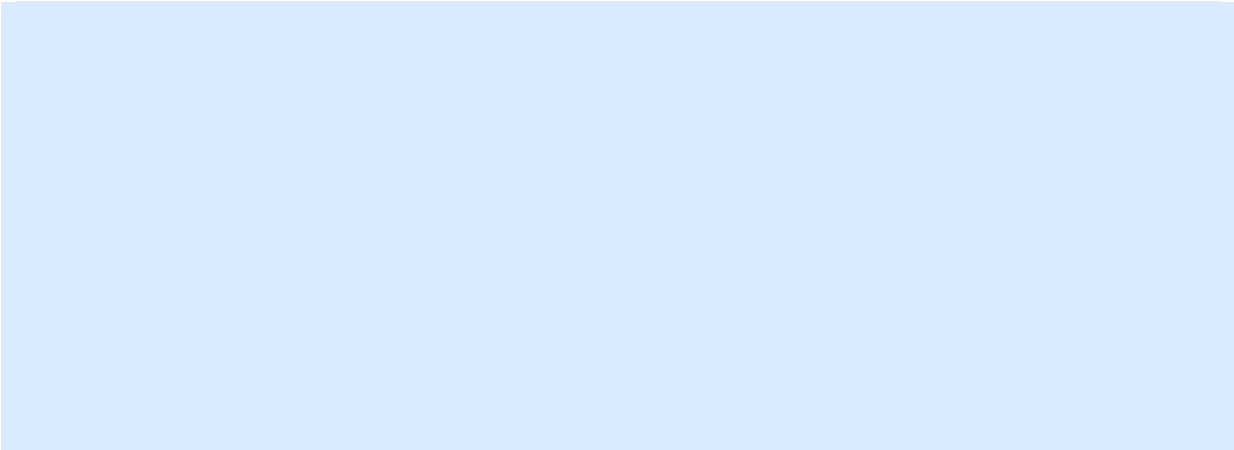


3 (h) Theme 8: Use of Information

Please include standard and or feature number



3 (i) Are there any other general comments relating to the draft standards that you would like to make? Please feel free to use additional space or continue on a separate page.



Thank you for taking the time to give us your views on the *Draft revision of the national standards for the prevention and control of Healthcare Associated Infections in acute healthcare services.*

Please return your form to us either by email or post.



You can download a feedback form at www.higa.ie and email the completed form to infectioncontrolstandards@higa.ie.



You can print off a feedback form and post the completed form to:

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If you have any questions on this document, you can contact the team by phoning 01 8147692.

Please ensure you return your form to us either by email or post by 5pm on Friday 18 November 2016. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to accept late submissions.