

This poster sets out the 20 standard statements of the *National Standards for infection prevention and control in community services* and should be read in conjunction with the full Standards, available on the HIQA website, www.hiqa.ie.

Theme 1: Person-centred Care and Support

Standard 1.1	People are provided with appropriate information and are involved in decisions about their care to prevent, control and manage healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance.
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Theme 2: Effective Care and Support

Standard 2.1	Infection prevention and control is part of the routine delivery of care to protect people from preventable healthcare-associated infections.
Standard 2.2	Care is provided in a clean and safe environment to minimise the risk of transmitting a healthcare-associated infection.
Standard 2.3	Equipment is decontaminated and maintained to minimise the risk of transmitting a healthcare-associated infection.
Standard 2.4	Service providers measure, assess and report the effectiveness of infection prevention and control practices to support improvements in infection prevention and control and antimicrobial stewardship.

Theme 3: Safe Care and Support

Standard 3.1	Arrangements are in place to support effective hand hygiene practices to minimise the risk of acquiring or transmitting infection.
Standard 3.2	Antimicrobial medications are appropriately prescribed, dispensed, administered, used and disposed of to reduce the risk of antimicrobial resistance.
Standard 3.3	Arrangements are in place to protect staff from the occupational risk of acquiring an infection.
Standard 3.4	Outbreaks of infection are identified, managed, controlled and documented in a timely and effective manner.

Theme 4: Better Health and Wellbeing

Standard 4.1	People are empowered to protect themselves and others from healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance.
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Theme 5: Leadership, Governance and Management

Standard 5.1	The service has clear governance arrangements in place to ensure the sustainable delivery of safe and effective infection prevention and control and antimicrobial stewardship.
Standard 5.2	There are clear management arrangements in place to ensure the delivery of safe and effective infection prevention and control and antimicrobial stewardship within the service.
Standard 5.3	There are formalised support arrangements in place to ensure the delivery of safe and effective infection prevention and control and antimicrobial stewardship.
Standard 5.4	Staff are empowered to exercise their professional and personal responsibility for safe and effective infection prevention and control practices and antimicrobial stewardship practices.
Standard 5.5	Service providers ensure that externally contracted agencies adhere to safe and effective infection prevention and control practices.

Theme 6: Workforce

Standard 6.1	Service providers plan, organise and manage their workforce to meet the services' infection prevention and control needs.
Standard 6.2	Service providers ensure their workforce has the competencies, training and support to enable safe and effective infection prevention and control and antimicrobial stewardship practices.

Theme 7: Use of Resources

Standard 7.1	Service providers plan and manage the use of available resources to meet the services' infection prevention and control needs.
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Theme 8: Use of Information

Standard 8.1	Information is used to plan, manage and deliver care that is in line with safe and effective infection prevention and control and antimicrobial stewardship practices.
Standard 8.2	Service providers have effective arrangements in place for information governance for infection prevention and control-related information.