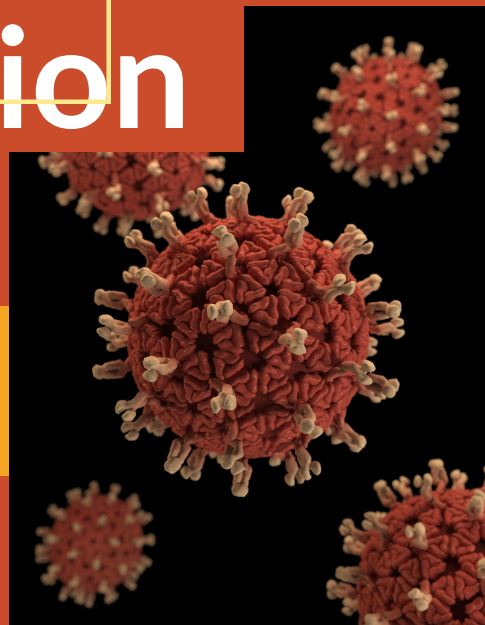


Infection Prevention and Control

An assurance framework
for registered providers

Against the National Standards for
Infection prevention and control in
community services providers

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The assurance framework

Is made up of the following components



Guidance

support registered providers to assure themselves that there are effective infection prevention and control practices in the designated centre.



Self-assessment tool

will support registered providers to identify areas of good practice and any gaps or deficits in their infection prevention and control measures.



Quality improvement template

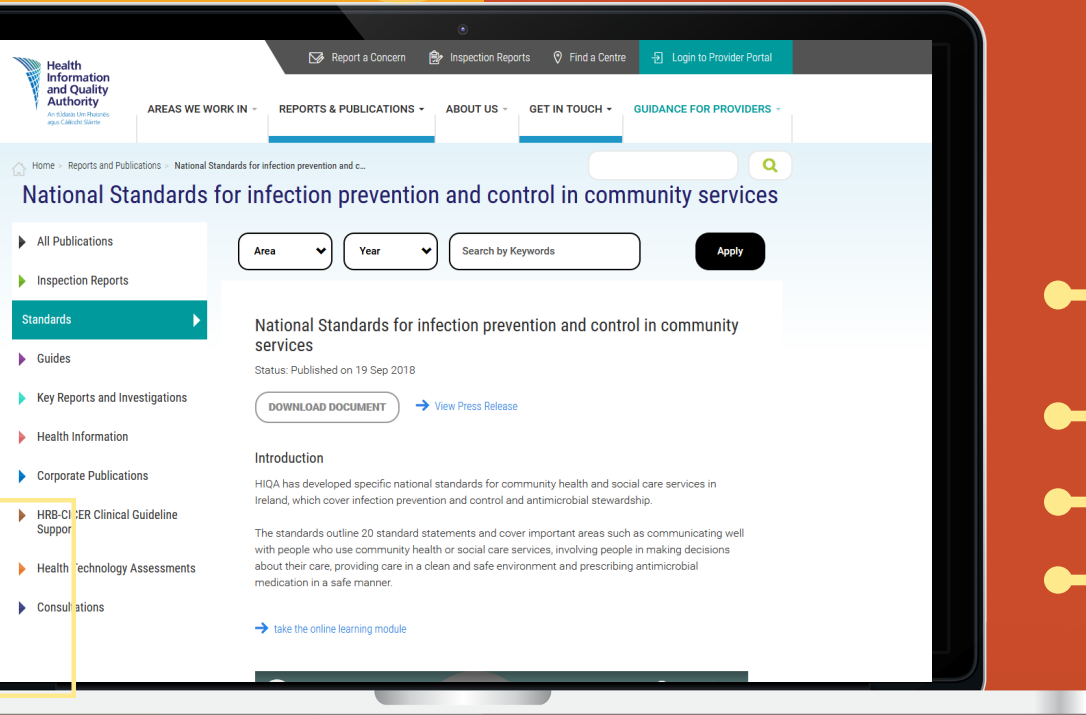
will enable registered providers to set out an action plan on how to address any gaps or deficits.

The assurance framework



This framework will assist provider to focus on critical aspects of care so that you can be assured of the efficacy of:

- ➔ your infection prevention and control governance and management arrangements
- ➔ your preparedness and contingency plans
- ➔ your staffing arrangements
- ➔ the knowledge and confidence of your staff in implementing infection prevention and control measures
- ➔ your audit and review arrangements.



Implementing this framework



STEP 1

Use the guidance to support the review of the service, thorough observations communication and documentation



STEP 2

Self assess the services against the indicators of compliance



STEP 3

Complete the self-assessment



STEP 4

Put an improvement plan in place with SMART actions



STEP 5

Continually review (every 12 weeks)

The assurance framework

Has been designated in the context of national guidance and supporting resources



The Chief Inspectors Assessment framework of the preparedness of a centre for a COVID-19 outbreak



Interim Guidance on Infection Prevention and Control for the Health Service Executive 2020



HPSC website



COVID-19 Nursing Home Expert Panel Examination of measures to 2021



HIQA eLearning programme - National Standards for infection prevention and control in community services, putting the standards into practice