

**CARE HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

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**OUTCOMES TO BE ACHIEVED:**

*A formal programme of Infection Control which minimises the risks to the health and well-being of service users, staff and visitors to the Home.*

*Elements addressed:*

- General Administration
- Restriction & Isolation
- Handwashing & Hygiene
- Cleaning & Sanitation
- Pest Control
- Laundry Services
- Storage of Garments, Bedding & Linen
- Handling & Disposal of Waste
- Pets in the Home

#	Performance Indicator / Standard	SCORE	Evidence
35	Laundry floor areas are finished in impermeable materials which provide for easy and hygienic cleaning.		
36	There are copies of C.O.S.H.H. Safety Data Sheets available for all cleaning and laundering materials used in the laundry.		
37	Operating instructions and safety precautions for washing machines, driers, rotary irons etc. are clearly displayed / easily to hand.		
38	There are facilities for hand-washing of woollens and other delicate items.		
39	Laundry equipment is maintained in good working order, and regular checks are made for wear and tear on cables and hoses.		
40	Laundry equipment is fitted with appropriate safety cut-out devices, e.g. if tumble drier doors are opened when in use.		
41	There is a Policy covering the storage of bedding and linen. Storage areas are clean, dry and warm and items are kept off floors.		
42	Each service user has sufficient storage space in his / her room to accommodate clothing and personal items.		
43	There is an adequate supply of bedding and linen available.		
44	Bedding and linen is free from holes, stains and other damage.		
45	There is a Policy for the safe and hygienic disposal of domestic waste materials (refuse) from the Home.		
46	There is a Policy for the safe and hygienic disposal of biohazardous / clinical waste materials from the Home. These materials will include "sharps".		
47	This Policy clearly identifies which of the 5 classes of biohazardous waste is to be found at the Home.		
48	Records are kept of all waste collections and disposals carried out by a specialist waste disposal sub-contractor who is included on the Preferred Service Sub-contractors List.		
49	Waste awaiting disposal is carefully bagged up into the correct colour disposal bags and stored in a secure location away from food handling areas and public access routes.		
50	External waste disposal bins for domestic waste (e.g. wheely-bins) are kept securely covered and are regularly cleaned and sanitised.		
51	There is a Policy for the keeping of pets in the Home.		

