Unit 4222-264 The principles of infection prevention and control (IC 01)

Level: **2**
Credit value: **3**
UAN: **L/501/6737**

Unit aim

To introduce the learner to national and local policies in relation to infection control; to explain employer and employee responsibilities in this area; to understand how procedures and risk assessment can help minimise the risk of an outbreak of infection. Learners will also gain an understanding of how to use PPE correctly and the importance of good personal hygiene.

Learning outcomes

There are **six** learning outcomes to this unit. The learner will:

1. Understand roles and responsibilities in the prevention and control of infections
2. Understand legislation and policies relating to prevention and control of infections
3. Understand systems and procedures relating to the prevention and control of infections
4. Understand the importance of risk assessment in relation to the prevention and control of infections
5. Understand the importance of using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the prevention and control of infections
6. Understand the importance of good personal hygiene in the prevention and control of infections

Guided learning hours

It is recommended that **30** hours should be allocated for this unit, although patterns of delivery are likely to vary.

Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national standards

There are some relationships between this unit and those of other standards such as Key Skills, Functional Skills and Skills for Life. This unit is based upon the Skills for Health Infection Control workplace competencies.

Support of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body

This unit is endorsed by Skills for Health.

Assessment

This unit must be assessed in line with Skills for Care and Development's QCF Assessment Principles.

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Assessment Criteria

Outcome 1 Understand roles and responsibilities in the prevention and control of infections

The learner can:

1. explain employees' roles and responsibilities in relation to the prevention and control of infection
2. explain employers' responsibilities in relation to the prevention and control infection.

Outcome 2 Understand legislation and policies relating to prevention and control of infections

The learner can:

1. outline current legislation and regulatory body standards which are relevant to the prevention and control of infection
2. describe local and organisational policies relevant to the prevention and control of infection.

Outcome 3 Understand systems and procedures relating to the prevention and control of infections

The learner can:

1. describe procedures and systems relevant to the prevention and control of infection
2. explain the potential impact of an outbreak of infection on the individual and the organisation.

Outcome 4 Understand the importance of risk assessment in relation to the prevention and control of infections

The learner can:

1. define the term risk
2. outline potential risks of infection within the workplace
3. describe the process of carrying out a risk assessment
4. explain the importance of carrying out a risk assessment.

Outcome 5 Understand the importance of using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the prevention and control of infections

The learner can:

1. demonstrate correct use of PPE
2. describe different types of PPE
3. explain the reasons for use of PPE
4. state current relevant regulations and legislation relating to PPE
5. describe employees' responsibilities regarding the use of PPE
6. describe employers' responsibilities regarding the use of PPE
7. describe the correct practice in the application and removal of PPE
8. describe the correct procedure for disposal of used PPE.

Outcome 6 Understand the importance of good personal hygiene in the prevention and control of infections

The learner can:

1. describe the key principles of good personal hygiene
2. demonstrate good hand washing technique
3. describe the correct sequence for hand washing
4. explain when and why hand washing should be carried out
5. describe the types of products that should be used for hand washing
6. describe correct procedures that relate to skincare.