

Roles and Responsibilities

Norovirus Outbreak

If you consider an outbreak of norovirus is likely -
**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL
 HEALTH PROTECTION TEAM (HPT) OR
 INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL TEAM (IPCT)**

Your local HPT or IPCT phone number

Roles and Responsibilities

✓ Person in charge of care home	
	Ensure ongoing compliance with Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs).
	Report all residents with suspected norovirus symptoms to the GP.
	Report to your HPT or IPCT if you and the GP are clinically suspicious of two or more cases of gastrointestinal infection (norovirus).
	Work with the HPT or IPCT in completing the daily assessments and keeping the HPT or IPCT updated.
	Ensure that there are sufficient staff available to deal with the residents' needs.
✓ GP	
	Provide clinical assessment to determine outbreak status.
	Provide advice to person in charge of care home to inform HPT or IPCT.
	Provide continuing clinical assessment of all residents.
✓ Health Protection Team (HPT)	
	Advise on the control measures required and specimens to be collected.
	Offer specific advice regarding treatment options for residents and staff.
	Advise on discontinuation of control measures and actions prior to re-opening of the care home if closed at any time.

Further information on Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs) and Transmission Based Precautions (TBPs) can be found in the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual:

www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/haic/ic/publicationsdetail.aspx?id=49785

For all the React To Infection resources go to: www.reactto.co.uk