

AIMS

To be able to contain and control infections effectively in Care Home Settings

DURATION

Half Day Course (3 Hours)

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, you will:

- Understand the different kinds of pathogen
- Be aware of how pathogens spread through the chain of infection
- Know how outbreaks are problematic in a care home environment
- Recognise the symptoms, controls and treatment of the common infections within care homes
- Be aware of the legislations in place regarding controlling infections
- Know the roles and responsibilities of employers and care staff
- Understand the protocols in place with an outbreak occurs
- Recognise the procedures that must be undertaken when admitting a new resident
- Know how to undertake a deep clean
- Recognise good hand hygiene habits
- Know the steps to take to effectively wash hands
- Understand the importance and use of PPE
- Be aware of the best practice regarding Barrier Nursing
- Know how to handle contaminated and dangerous materials
- Explore the possible outcomes of poorly controlled infections

LESSONS AND TOPICS

Pathogens

- What are Pathogens?
- What is a Host?
- How Pathogens are Spread
- Types of Pathogens
- The Chain of Infection

Infection Outbreaks in Care

- Why it's a Problem
- Statistics

Common Infections in Care

- MRSA
- C.Diff
- Norovirus
- Influenza
- Sepsis
- Common Infections in Care

Legislation

- Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- Management of Health and Safety at Work Regs 1999
- COSHH

Roles and Responsibilities

- Employer Responsibilities
- Your Responsibilities

Infection Control

- An Outbreak
- Controlling the Infection
- Admitting New Residents
- Deep Cleans
- Good Hand Hygiene Habits

Hand Washing

- Hand Hygiene
- When You should Wash Your Hands
- Hand Washing Technique

Staying Safe

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Barrier Nursing
- Clinical Waste
- Sharps Disposal
- Soiled Linen

Case Study

- Epidemic or Pandemic