

## Norovirus Checklist

<b>How to stop the spread of Norovirus</b>	
<b>Infection Prevention &amp; Control</b>	
1. Ensure local infection control policies are up to date, read and followed by all staff. This should be supported by training in recognising signs of infection and management of cases	
2. Early recognition and management of symptomatic cases is vital in order to prevent an outbreak	
3. Educate staff on the importance of hand washing with soap and warm water	
<b><i>Alcohol hand gel is not effective against Norovirus</i></b>	
4. Ensure liquid soap and disposable paper hand towels are available in all toilets, communal bathrooms and individual rooms / en -suites	
5. Ensure appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is worn – i.e. disposable gloves and disposable plastic apron (in addition <b>Type IIR fluid repellent face mask to be worn if vomiting is present</b> )	
6. Promptly isolate symptomatic individuals in their own bedroom with en-suite facilities or separate toilet / commode until asymptomatic for 48 hours. Ensure the room door is kept shut and signage displayed on isolation room door	
7. Reusable non-invasive equipment should be allocated to individual or cohort areas where possible and must be decontaminated between each use. An increased frequency of decontamination should be considered for reusable care equipment when used in isolation / cohort areas	
8. Ensure a dedicated team of staff to care for service users in isolation / cohort areas	
9. Clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces, care equipment and the environment frequently using either a combined detergent/ disinfectant solution at a dilution of <b>1,000 parts per million (ppm) available chlorine (av.cl)</b> ; or a <b>general -purpose neutral detergent in a solution of warm water followed by a disinfectant solution of 1,000ppm available chlorine.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use disposable cleaning materials - cloths / mopheads</li> <li>• Manufacturer guidance/ instructions and recommended product 'contact time' must be followed for cleaning/ disinfectant solutions/products</li> </ul>	

10. Manage spillages of vomit / faeces immediately wearing appropriate PPE  On removal of PPE wash hands with soap and warm water	
11. Ensure linen management systems are in place as well as clinical waste disposal systems including foot operated bins  Ensure infectious / soiled linen is double bagged within an alginate bag	
12. Staff should stay at home if they are experiencing norovirus symptoms  <b>Do not return to work until 48 hours after symptoms have resolved</b>	
13. Encourage oral fluids to prevent dehydration in the elderly	
<b>Reporting to UKHSA Health Protection Team</b>	
14. <b>Outbreaks of D&amp;V (2 or more cases linked by time and place) must be reported promptly to the UKHSA East of England Health Protection Team</b>  Phone 0300 303 8537 option 1 or email <a href="mailto:eastofenglandhpt@ukhsa.gov.uk">eastofenglandhpt@ukhsa.gov.uk</a>	
<b>In the event of an outbreak of D&amp;V</b>	
<b>Implement outbreak control measures</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary closure of the setting to new admissions as appropriate</li> <li>• Delay transfers of symptomatic residents to other organisations (unless urgent admission to hospital) until 48 hours after symptoms have resolved</li> <li>• It may be necessary in an outbreak to modify visiting</li> <li>• Handwashing with soap and warm water</li> <li>• Enhanced cleaning of the care environment and equipment</li> <li>• Prompt isolation of symptomatic cases</li> <li>• Collection of stool samples</li> <li>• Advising visitors, restriction of activities/events within the home, appropriate signage/posters at entrance</li> <li>• Arrange for deep cleaning including steam cleaning carpets and/or change of curtains when last case has been without symptoms for 48 hours</li> </ul>	
Completed by: Date:	