Preventing Infection in Care at Home
Care at Home Services Pilot in Lanarkshire

Aim

Working in partnership NHS Education for Scotland, Scottish Care and the Care Inspectorate aimed to build capacity, capability and sustainability in Infection Prevention and Control by supporting implementation of resources in care at home services in Lanarkshire.

Methodology

- Copies of the Preventing Infection in Care at Home pocket guide were distributed to staff within 14 care at home organisations across North and South Lanarkshire.
- Care at home organisations were encouraged to download the mobile app and use in practice.
- There were 2 facilitated workshops for supervisors who cascaded the learning in the use of the resources to their staff.
- The workshops were scenario and action based learning sessions with identification of barriers to the implementation of the resource in practice.
- The first workshop aimed to ensure that users were confident in the use of the resource and supporting staff using it. The second workshop provided an opportunity to discuss and share what went well and the challenges with implementation.

Feedback from the pilot participants

- Great learning tool which refreshed staff practice in infection prevention
- Staff able to access infection prevention information easily and clearly whilst ‘in the field’
- The resource content is now used within in-house training sessions
- Workshops were well received and staff knowledge increased
- Staff liked the simplicity of the mobile app
- Supervisors have downloaded the app for use on their iPads
- Pocket guide is easy to understand and use, pictorial content was welcomed as this helps with identified literacy needs
- Pocket book is now provided to all staff as part of induction
- Pilot has spurred on more infection prevention activity - the organisation now has an infection prevention champion and network

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