

## INFECTION CONTROL



### DESCRIPTION

Despite advances in control and prevention, infection remains a significant cause of ill health today; whether you are an experienced health care worker or work in a large office, Infection Control is important to you and your colleagues.

Even now in the 21st Century, Hospital Acquired Infection remains a threat to patients in health care settings. In Scotland alone, at least 33,000 patients will develop one or more infections each year, generating an intense level of public and media interest. In the workplace all employees face possible risks of infection from their colleagues.

Infections can be transmitted in a variety of ways, from direct body contact, to contact with contaminated objects or equipment and by airborne transmission.

Hand hygiene has been shown to be the most effective means of reducing the risk of infection both at home and at work and may be neglected due to time constraints or lack of facilities. Infection Control is everybody's business.

### DURATION

1 Day

### WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS COURSE?

- Staff working in Care Homes, Hospitals, Hostels, Day Centres, Community Care, Sheltered Housing and Residential Facilities.

This course can be adapted to suit Corporate settings - please contact us for more details.

### COURSE CONTENT

- Basic microbiology & routes of transmission
- Hand hygiene
- MRSA
- Decontamination
- Standard principles of Infection Control
- Catheter care
- The use of protective clothing
- Sharps management

### QUALIFICATION

Certificate of attendance given.

### OUTCOME

At the end of this session you will understand what legislation governs infection and identify the risks associated with caring for someone who has an infection. You will be able to define what infection is, what caused it and how to prevent the spread.