**Infection Prevention**

Infection Prevention is the obligation of every employee, both clinical and non-clinical, at the University Hospitals North Midlands NHS Trust. Driving down healthcare associated infection is everyone’s responsibility and all staff are required to adhere to the Trust’s Infection Prevention policy

All staff employed by the UHNM have the following responsibilities:

**Trust Dress Code**

* Trust approved uniform/dress code must be adhered to
* When in clinical areas **all** staff must be bare below the elbow, without wrist watches, stoned rings, wrist jewellery, false nails, nail polish or plaster casts
* No personal bags to be worn during clinical duties

**Hand Hygiene**

* Decontaminate your hands as the per ‘The five moments of hand hygiene’

**Own Practice**

* Lead by example
* Encourage and praise good practice
* Be prepared to accept advice about your own practice

**Decontamination**

* Ensure that equipment you have been using or about to use has been decontaminated effectively
* Ensure that you are aware of the Trust approved cleaning products, and follow a safe system of works

**Trust Policies**

* Ensure that you know, and strictly follow, relevant Infection Prevention policies for your role and apply standard precautions at all times

**Infection Prevention Team**

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