Link IPC Practitioner Meeting

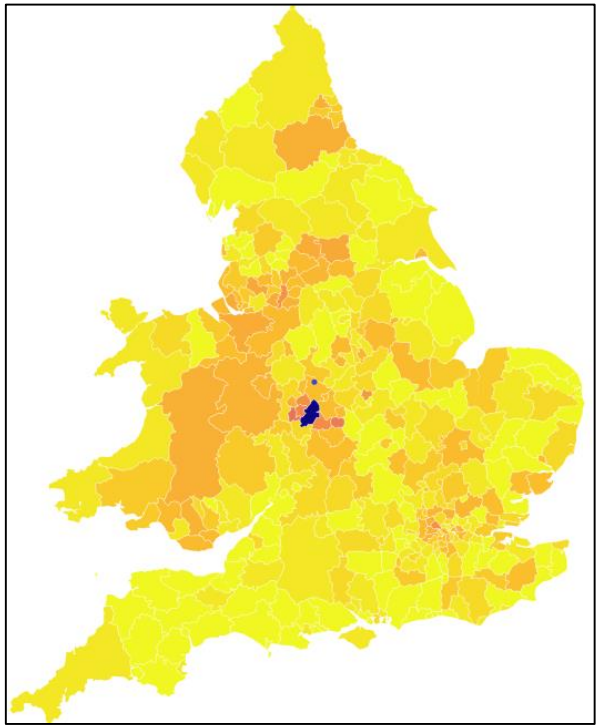
Welcome

Agenda 01/03/2024

Item 1	Welcome and introductions
Item 2	Updates - outbreaks and emerging infections
Item 3	Focus – IPC Audits in Care Homes
Item 4	Group discussion / Q&A

Update – outbreaks & emerging infections

- COVID-19 –
  - incubation period / monitoring period reduced from 14 days to 5 days
  - COVID-19 Antivirals
- Measles
- Group A Strep



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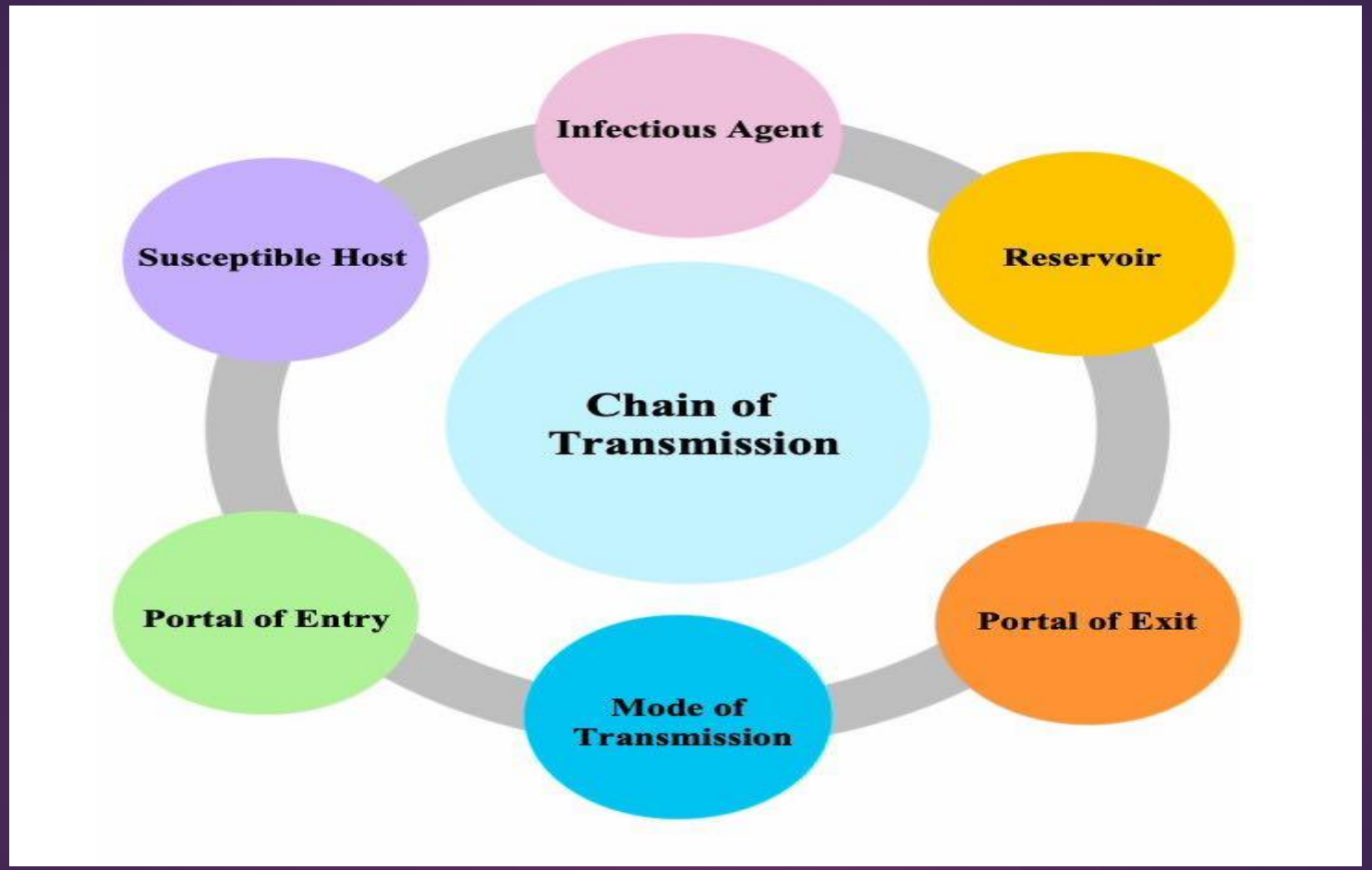
IPC Audits in Care Homes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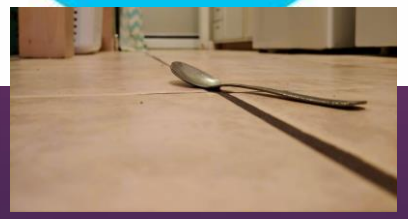

IPC Audit in Care Homes

- IPC Audits provide an opportunity to assess current IPC practices within the care home that prevent and manage infections.
- They also help to identify any areas where improvement may be required
- The audit is 100% supportive – we are not there to point fingers!
- On average, audits are undertaken every 12-18 months

Audit Process

- A phone call or email is sent to the home to arrange a suitable date / time for the IPC audit. The audit is performed by one or two CIPC Nurses.
- Generally it takes 1.5 – 2.5 hrs. and it would be expected for a senior representative to accompany when reviewing the environment / documentation.
- Any specific issues would generally be discussed at the time of the audit.
- On completion, the report is written up usually within 2 weeks and sent back to the home & QAT with RAG rating and recommended actions
- Normally we expect a response back with update on actions is within 3 months – though this may be less if there are more immediate actions

RAG Rating Percentages
0% to 70% = Red
71% to 91% = Amber
92% to 100% = Green

Main topic areas

1. Policies & Audit
2. Management of Infections & Outbreaks
3. Communal areas
4. Laundry facilities
5. Treatment room
6. Sharps management
7. Clinical Practices
8. Hand Hygiene
9. Residents rooms
10. Environmental cleaning
11. Communal bathrooms
12. Communal toilets
13. Sluice / dirty utility room
14. Waste Management

Group discussion / Q&A