






Driving down healthcare associated infection – **everyone’s business**

PATIENT ADVICE

Control of infection is of great importance to us and we know how important it is for you as patients. You can play a huge part in helping us manage this by following the advice and suggestions below. Thank you for your help.

	<p>Always wash your own hands or use the hand wipes before eating and after using the toilet.</p> <p>Wash hands or use the hand gel when entering and leaving the ward.</p> <p>Please feel free to ask staff caring for you if they have cleaned their hands.</p> <p>Ask your visitors to clean their hands by washing or using hand gel when they arrive and when they leave.</p>
	<p>Do not have too many visitors, no more than two at a time.</p> <p>Do not sit on other patients beds and please ask visitors not to sit on your bed.</p> <p>Please try and ensure that all of your personal belongings are stored safely in the bedside cabinet so that we can clean your bed space.</p>
	<p>If you are given antibiotics, ask the doctor if this is in line with the hospital’s antibiotic prescribing guidelines.</p>
	<p>If you have an intravenous device (e.g. needle or cannula), ask staff to inspect it daily.</p>
	<p>If you are worried about hygiene or cleanliness, please ask to speak with a member of staff about your concerns.</p>