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Policy / Procedure Approval Report

Section 1 - Policy / Procedure Information

Policy / Procedure Title	Decontamination Policy and Procedure for reusable Medical Devices and Care Equipment in Public Health Wales
Policy Lead	Angela Cook Assistant Director of Quality, Nursing & Allied Health Professionals
Lead Executive	Claire Birchall Interim Executive Director of Quality, Nursing & Allied Health Professionals
PHW / All Wales?	Public Health Wales
Date of last Review	April 2022
Is the current policy / procedure within review date?	Overdue Policy and Procedure
Approving Body /Group	Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee
Version Number	Version 4

Section 2: Recommendation

<p>APPROVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>CONSIDER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>RECOMMEND <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>ADOPT <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>ASSURANCE <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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The Quality Safety & Improvement Committee is asked to:

- **Consider** the information contained within the Equalities Impact Assessment
- **Approve** the revised policy and procedure.



Section 3 – Details of the Review:

Background:

Reason for review

- The review deadline had passed.
- The policy and Procedure have been updated to reflect changes in guidance and best practice.

Description/Assessment

Eliminating preventable healthcare associated infections (HCAIs) requires the proactive involvement of every member of staff and the correct guidance to support them. All employees must be clear as to their role and responsibilities in relation to the decontamination of reusable medical devices.

Extensive consultation and revision of the 2022 policy and procedure has taken place to ensure it complies with updated guidance and supports Public Health Wales to fulfil its legal obligations in relation to infection prevention and control.

These revised documents will be implemented upon approval and monitored via the infection prevention and control (IPC) group as well as the corporate IPC role.

Amendments including
Changes include:

- Amendments to comply with revised high-level disinfection guidance.
- Traceability and record keeping.
- Strengthening roles and responsibilities.

Consultation

Has this Policy / Procedure been through the appropriate 28 day consultation process?

Yes

Date range of consultation:

Formal Consultation period ran between 30th May 2024 and 11th June 2024.

Please provide details of any feedback received and outline what changes if any were made to the document as a result:

None received

(Add detail)

Policy and Procedures updated to reflect this.



Had this policy / procedure been considered by any other groups?	Yes / No
If so, please provide detail of any comments / feedback or amendments made to the documents as a result of this	Approved by the Infection Prevention and control Group on 11 th July 2024- requested changes to be made then it can go – see comment Thank
(Add detail)	Request to include Medical Devices Officer and widen operational decontamination lead role remit.
Section 4: Impact Assessments	
Equality and Health Impact Assessment	All Policies should be accompanied by an Equality and Health Impact Assessment. Include the assessment here, and summarise any issues identified in the assessment.
Welsh Language Impact	The Policy / Procedure will be translated to welsh and available on the internet bilingually.
Risk and Assurance	Please explain the relevance to the Strategic Risk Register, Corporate Risk Register (CRR) and / or the Directorate Risk Register.
Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act	This policy will ensure the following standards are met. Safe, Effective, workforce, leadership and Learning and Improvement
Financial implications	There are cost implications associated with the revised cleaning products, decontamination procedure (Ultra violet boxes) and ongoing staff training. There is also a requirement that the operational decontamination lead has completed a recognised decontamination course.
People implications	All staff will be required to complete the necessary training and review of competencies associated with decontamination practice.
Socio Economic Duty	There are not implications all Service Users and Staff will be treated equally as a result of this Policy and Procedure.

5 - Implementation

Please complete the table below for this section, include any relevant actions required for implementation of this policy / procedure:

- How it will be implemented - If it requires resource, training or there are changes to current practice an implementation plan (template available on policy webpages) will be required to accompany the document giving clear timelines.
- If resources are required these should have been agreed prior to presentation to the Committee/Group.
- Info re any barriers to implementation and associated risk – explain how this will be mitigated.

Implementation plan (with timescales)		
Next steps	Timescale	Responsible officer(s)
Translation to Welsh	2 weeks	Angela Cook
Publication of the Intranet site and socialisation	2-4 weeks	Angela Cook, HARP Team

6. Dissemination

The primary source for dissemination of this document decontamination policy and procedure for reusable medical devices and care equipment in public health wales within the organisation, will be the intranet site, through heads of Programmes email communication and the IPC Group.