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Good infection prevention and control practices are essential to maintain a safe environment for our service users, staff and visitors. Effective infection prevention and control must be part of everyday practice and consistently applied by everyone.

These infection prevention and control policies have been adapted for use by Cumbria County Council's Cumbria Care establishments. They were originally produced by Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust Community Infection Prevention and Control team.

The documents describe the precautions and control measures that are essential to prevent and control infections in community settings such as care homes, day care centres, domiciliary care providers and other community settings.

Adhering to these policies will ensure that all staff are acting in accordance with the requirements of the *Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance* (Department of Health 2010) and are meeting Care Quality Commission requirements.

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