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Decontamination Procedures

Request details

I am collecting decontamination procedures and policies of NHS Trusts in order to evaluate their homogeneity. I contacted you last year and you kindly provided me with copies of your Decontamination of Reusable Medical Devices Policy (UHB 282) and your Transmission Based Precautions Infection Prevention and Control Procedure (UHB 267). Those documents, however, should have been revised in the last year. Is it possible to have the updated versions? I would also be interested in any new decontamination Policy/Procedure created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Response details

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) Infection Prevention and Control Group agreed to adopt the National Infection Prevention & Control Manual (NIPCM), which is standardised across Wales to ensure all healthcare organisations in Wales have access to consistent, current and standardised policies to support practice. Please see the link below:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/page/95007>

With regard to decontamination procedures, the UHB systems are in compliance with UK and Welsh guidelines. The UHB deal with far more resistant organisms on a daily basis, so there is no concern with the processes used in departments such as SSD and Endoscopy services. All the processes the UHB use are routinely validated to check for effectiveness within defined timescales e.g. weekly/quarterly/annual frequencies. Please find attached our Decontamination Process.