

Hand Hygiene Update June 2013

This newsletter is intended as an update on the local activities within NHSGGC in relation to the National Hand Hygiene Campaign.

National audits of Hand Hygiene compliance are continuing to be carried out across NHS Scotland.

This involves 15 audits carried out by the Hand Hygiene Coordinator across a variety of different clinical settings in NHSGG&C.

The results consistently show that hand hygiene practice has improved since the campaign started in 2007.

It is expected that the national programme of work will discontinue in the future and Boards will be expected to continue to monitor hand hygiene compliance with a local focus.

Quality assurance of any local compliance data is vital and will form part of the ongoing work within NHSGG&C.

Local data is gathered on a monthly basis by NHS staff and requires to be consistent, honest and realistic.

Work is also underway to establish a view of public compliance when they visit healthcare premises.

One of the aims is to see if improving visibility and accessibility improves on current levels of compliance.

Hand hygiene compliance remains a fundamental requirement for all staff in NHSGG&C and will continue to be measured routinely.

Queries

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