Infection, Prevention and Control checklist for Scabies.

Setting information:

Name of care setting:		
Contact number:		
Mangers name:		
Total number of staff:		
Total number of residents:		

Outbreak information (number of persons affected, symptoms, onset date)

For completion at start of outbreak:

Outbreak start date:	
Named IPC lead for outbreak:	
Total number of resident contacts:	
Total number of staff contacts:	

Initial IPC actions:

Infection, prevention and control measures	Action	Person responsible	Date completed	Comments
Early detection and early diagnosis – individual cases.	Diagnosis to be made/confirmed by GP or dermatologist – ideally face to face appointment.			

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	Contact Cumberland IPC team and alert them to suspected or confirmed case. IPC@Cumberland.gov.uk			IPC Cumberland will provide a management and treatment of Scabies guidance booklet.
	If one case has been suspected or confirmed all other residents must have skin integrity checks conducted.			
	Identify all those with symptoms of suspected or confirmed Scabies and add to line list provided. Cases and suspected cases should isolate until 24 hours after the first treatment dose.			
	Identify all contacts (skin to skin contact for 10 minutes or more) of symptomatic cases within the last 8 weeks. Including residents and all staff (including agency/bank, part time/ad hoc staff e.g. hairdresser, activity co-ordinator).			
	Alert any external professionals that visit the setting such as district nurses, OT, Physios that may also have physical contact with a case.			

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	For a resident case the GP will need to prescribe treatment (Permethrin, Ivermectin or both) for the affected residents and resident contacts. (treatment of confirmed cases should not be delayed while identifying contacts) Ivermectin should be prescribed for confirmed cases, with two doses to be taken 7 days apart.			Please refer to management and treatment of Scabies guidance booklet.
	Staff contacts will need to source their own treatment from their GP or pharmacy, or the setting will need to purchase treatment for all staff contacts.			
	For a staff case, staff will require confirmation from a GP and treatment prescribed via their GP/pharmacy. Household contacts of a staff case will also require treatment. Staff should stay away from work until24 hours after their first treatment dose.			
	Resident contacts of a staff case will need treatment prescribing via their GP. Staff contacts will need to source their own treatment from GP or pharmacy, or the setting will need to purchase treatment for all staff contacts.			

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	Ensure two doses are prescribed for the topical treatment. Ensure that enough topical cream has been prescribed for the size of the person (2-4 tubes to cover both treatments) and enough applicators			
	Follow the application of Permethrin guidance when planning for treatment.			
Co ordinating treatment	Identify 2 dates 7 days apart for the treatments to be completed. Contacts should not commence treatment until all treatments have been sourced and WHT dates confirmed.			
	Plan staffing in advance (enough staff on duty to aid with application and additional morning staff for washing off, cleaning and laundry)			
	Arrange for any staff absent from work (sickness/annual leave) to be treated at the same time if possible or 24 hours before their return to work.			For any staff exclusions or work restrictions please refer to management and treatment of Scabies guidance booklet.
	Obtain enough treatment for all staff and residents-symptomatic and contacts.			

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	Cease admissions until 24 hours after the first treatment. Please contact the IPC team to carry out a risk assessment.			
	All staff and residents must be treated at the same time, or within the same 24-hour period.			
	Treatment must be repeated 7 days after the 1st treatment, following the above steps.			
	A sign must be placed on the entrance to the setting to alert visitors to an outbreak			Please refer to management and treatment of Scabies guidance booklet for a copy of the outbreak sign.
	Ensure all staff wear the correct PPE when providing personal care. Gloves, Aprons & (If available) disposable sleeves should worn when carrying out personal.			
	Ensure staff adhere to strict hand hygiene practises washing up to the elbow.			

IPC precautions: please refer to management and treatment of Scabies guidance booklet.

Planning for treatment:

Before you start

- **Do not bathe** or shower the resident immediately before application. Apply to clean, cool, dry skin.

- Check the prescription and the product leaflet for contraindications, allergies (including chrysanthemum/pyrethroid allergy), and age-related advice.
- **Do not apply to open wounds, broken skin, or mucous membranes** (eyes, inside nose/mouth, genital mucosa). Seek clinical advice if there is significant secondary infection.
- **Ensure adequate supply**: many adults need 1–2 x 30 g tubes per application. Plan enough for both applications if required 2 - 4 x30g tubes (tubes must not be shared between residents).
- Ensure the residents have **clean nightwear/clothing and clean bedding** available for the evening of treatment and the following morning.

Best Timing

- Apply the cream in the **evening** so it can remain on the skin for 8–12 hours (overnight is easiest).

Please refer to application of Permethrin guidance for full instructions on planning for and undertaking treatment.

Cleaning the Room/Environment

- Routine cleaning: clean hard and high-touch surfaces with **warm water and detergent**.
- **Vacuum** carpets/rugs/soft furnishings **daily for 3 days** after the first treatment for classical scabies (longer if crusted scabies is suspected, as advised by IPC).
- Remove non-wipeable soft furnishings from use, **seal in plastic bags for 4 full days**, then vacuum.
- **Please refer to deep cleaning after Scabies treatment document for full cleaning instructions.**

IPC Cumberland will monitor the situation for 12 weeks after initial onset/treatment. During this time all residents should undergo regular skin checks. Once 12 weeks has been reached the IPC will risk assess the situation before closure.	
Proposed date of closure:	
Signature of IPC lead for the outbreak:	