

## Prevention & Management of *Clostridium difficile* Incorporating the January 2009 DH/HPA Guidelines!



fresh approach to successful training

Learning to identify the infection and adopting best practice both preventing and managing this potentially dangerous infection in health and community care settings.

### NHS hospital acquired infection cases rise - 15 June, 2009

Figures from the National Audit Office which show that some hospital infections may be rising have prompted accusations that the government has been "neglecting" the problem. **More than one in 10 NHS trusts in England have seen an increase in cases of MRSA, and *Clostridium difficile* has risen in almost one in five.** The NAO data show that other bloodstream infections, such as MSSA, could also be on the increase.



**How this course can help you:** This interactive e-learning course is designed to enable personnel from a range of healthcare organisations to understand *Clostridium difficile* (C.diff) thus enhancing the management and care of patients and service users with *Clostridium difficile* associated diarrhoea. It has been created in partnership with Specialist Infection Control Teams.

Course Content	Learning Outcomes:
<p>Scenario-based, multi-agency, with pre- and post-course assessment (A Certificate will be awarded for completion of the compulsory Modules 1 &amp; 2 + one other listed *Module):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mod.1 Introduction - Context &amp; Terminology;</li><li>Mod.2 Infection prevention precautions</li><li>Mod.3 *G.P.s;</li><li>Mod.4 *Nurses;</li><li>Mod. 5 *Non-Medical Prescribers;</li><li>Mod. 6 *Carers in the Community.</li></ul>	<p>By the end of the course participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Understand what is meant by <i>Clostridium difficile</i> associated diarrhoea</li><li>Recognise and understand the predisposing factors and the relevance of antibiotic prescribing</li><li>Understand the diagnostic criteria and benefits of early diagnosis</li><li>Be aware of and explain current treatments</li><li>Be aware of and understand the importance of appropriate Infection prevention and control precautions and the impact these measures have on the prevention of cross infection</li><li>Understand the role and responsibilities of self and others</li><li>Know where to find support and advice</li></ul>

**Benefits of the course:** This course will benefit organisations and their partner agencies by providing essential information to develop a comprehensive understanding of *Clostridium difficile*, and their own roles and responsibilities in the prevention and treatment of this disease. The e-learning approach provides an invaluable tool for blended learning strategies and is especially suitable for service groups who have difficulties in releasing staff to attend training sessions or where local capacity to deliver sessions is not sufficient. E-learning offers users the chance to work at their own pace, with a Certificate on conclusion of the course including assessments.

**Mini Biography:** The subject matter experts are: **Deborah King** and **Kathleen Hughes**, **Infection Prevention Specialists** of Solihull Care Trust and Heart of Birmingham PCT respectively. Together they have a combined experience (30 years) of working in infection prevention across both acute and primary care organisations. Both subject matter experts have a keen interest in infection prevention education in particular with regards to changing practice.