



Westmorland
& Furness
Council

Infection Prevention Team Newsletter November 2024

Latest bulletins and infection prevention information:

<https://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/news/ipc-bulletin-for-care-homes/>

<https://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/news/ipc-bulletin-for-domiciliary-care/>

World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) 18-24th November

- W&F Council will light up key buildings in blue to support the campaign, in line with other public buildings across the UK.
- Help raise awareness of the risks to the precious resource of antimicrobials by 'going blue' on WAA Day 18th November.
- This year's campaign message is to raise everyone's awareness and to advocate for action so that we will have antimicrobials in the future.
- Further information is available at <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/world-amr-awareness-week-2024-campaign-guide>
- Domiciliary Care staff can support this campaign by encouraging service users to take and complete the course of any prescribed antibiotic treatment.

Preparing for the winter season

Stop Winter Vomiting and diarrhoea:

[Norovirus-care-home-poster.pdf](#)

[Isolation](#)

[Viral gastroenteritis-Norovirus](#)

Flu and Covid Jabs

It is very important that **all staff** take up their Flu and Covid jabs as early as possible and encourage and support residents and visitors to have theirs too. We have already seen a significant outbreak of Flu in one of our local care homes resulting in some very poorly residents and staff, necessitating hospital admissions.

We are always here to help- email us at IPC@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk