

Welcome to the February 2025 IPC Newsletter from the Health Protection Team

There are many free IPC resources, including these from our colleagues in Harrogate (who also produce the IPC policies purchased for use by Westmorland and Furness Council). They also produce a monthly IPC newsletter which is free to subscribers- we encourage you to sign up for this here:

www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk



Their latest bulletin focuses on CAUTI (catheter associated urinary infections) and the care of indwelling catheters:

[Bulletin Care Homes No 56](#) – February 2025 Urinary catheters

Other free resources related to this topic which you may find helpful in your settings include:

<https://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Procedure-for-changing-a-catheter-leg-bag-Care-Home-February-2024.pdf>

<https://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/procedure-foremptying-a-catheter-bag-in-care-home-settings/>

<https://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/reduce-the-risk-of-catheter-associated-urinary-tract-infection/>

[Catheter Policy](#)

For more in-depth understanding, you may like to review this research article:

[Journal of Infection Prevention - January 2025](#)

Also associated with this topic is: [Bulletin Care Homes No 52](#) – July 2024 Preventing dehydration

Westmorland and Furness Council's Infection Prevention and Control Link Staff Teams Meeting, Held on the last Wednesday in the month 13:00 – 14:00hrs. All welcome [Join the meeting now](#)

Previous editions of the newsletters and links to all IPC policies can now be found here on the Westmorland and Furness council website: [Infection prevention and control | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)

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