

# Client Risk Assessment

## Management of Clostridium difficile (C. diff)

Date	
Name of Person Completing Form	

Clients Name	
Date of Birth	
Contact details GP	

	Yes	No	Comments
Has the client had a C-Diff Infection previously?			
Is the client currently C-Diff positive?			If yes date of sample result
Has the client been a hospital inpatient within the last 2 months?			
Has the client recently had bowel surgery?			If yes date of surgery
Is the client currently taking gastric suppressive agents? E.g. Omeprazole, Lansoprazole, Ranitidine			State What
Is the client currently taking Loperamide/Imodium?			
Has the client had any antibiotics within the last 2 months?			State what antibiotics
Is the client currently on any antibiotics?			State what antibiotics
Is there a specific care plan for C. diff in place in the client's notes?			

**Identify the potential risks to staff and other clients**

*E.g. Cross Infection*

**Identify what actions need to be taken to minimise the risk identified**

*Hand hygiene using liquid soap and paper towels (ALCOHOL HAND GEL MUST NOT BE USED)*

*Use of PPE (Gloves and Aprons)*

*Increase environmental cleaning with a hypochlorite solution*

*Clean patient equipment with a hypochlorite solution*

*Observe for the signs and symptoms of infection e.g. increased temperature, heart rate abdo pain and confusion*

*Isolation*

*Fluid balance*

*Bristol Stool Chart*

*Provide information leaflet*

*Place laundry into red soluble bags*

**Identify others that need to be informed**

*District Nurses*

*GP*

*Podiatrist*

*Family Members*

*Hospital/other healthcare facility (if admitted or transferred)*

**What are the benefits from identifying the risks**

*To prevent cross infection*

**What specific care does the client require? And what action needs to be taken**

*Fluid balance*

*Bristol Stool Chart*

*PPE – Aprons, gloves, eye protection*

*Liquid soap and paper towels*

*Isolation until 48 hours symptom free*

*Red bags*

*Daily evaluation of symptoms – GP referral if condition deteriorates*

*Close observation of signs and symptoms*

**Ensure that a specific care plan is in place for the ongoing management of C-Diff**

Further clearance faecal samples do not need to be obtained.