2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the manual and the linked procedures is to provide clear, concise guidance on IPC precautions for all staff whether in a direct or indirect patient care role, regardless of the care environment. It is acknowledged that some staff work in premises over which they have little or no control (e.g. patient's own homes); therefore in some instances staff will have to use their own judgement in the interpretation of certain procedures.

It is also recognised that individual teams may require their own individual guidelines developed in consultation with the IPC team in order to implement some of the guidance.

The content of the manual and linked procedures is based on sound IPC principles and national guidance.