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## Health Protection



**Public Health Agency update on Pseudomonas**

In the context of the current Pseudomonas outbreak, the Public Health Agency (PHA) continues to work closely with the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and Health and Social Care Trusts to support the investigation and provide advice on control measures. In particular, the PHA has played a key role in the provision of additional guidance on advice to be taken in residential care.

Dr Philip Donnelly, Consultant in Health Protection, PHA, said: "The PHA is supporting the HSC Trusts to provide further guidance on infection prevention and control to help them to minimise the risk of Pseudomonas."

"As a further precautionary measure, there is now an ongoing programme of water testing and management of water in residential care settings, all health and Northern Ireland. Between now and coming into contact with the water and any other infection control measures are in place at all residential care settings."

"I would also like to emphasise that effective infection control for all staff and visitors is essential and so on. It is also important that the public continues to follow good hygiene practice when visiting hospitals, to protect patients of health in residential care and other health care settings through well-timed and effective hygiene practices for the sake of their own safety."

"A leaflet for parents and other useful information is available on the PHA website."

**ENDS**

Notes for Editors

1. For interview requests, please contact Casey McPherson on 028 9003 2803
2. The PHA will cooperate with any reasonable request for the issue of the material in relation to the health protection agency and public health agency, as a condition of the release of the material. The PHA will also provide a copy of the leaflet on guidance on infection prevention and control in residential care settings.
3. Information on the current outbreak can be accessed on the PHA website at [www.pha.gov.uk](http://www.pha.gov.uk) under the heading 'Pseudomonas'.
4. The PHA will continue to provide the most up-to-date information on the outbreak and will be available to answer any queries.

## Information for parents on preventing infections caused by Pseudomonas

### Details

Format

A4, 2 pages

Target group

Parents and general public

### Downloads

**Attachment**

**Size**

[Parent Carer information leaflet.pdf](#) 263.99 KB

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