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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 HCU 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 vital. 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 that they have been thoroughly washed and dried and that they they touch the table in their requirements."

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

**ENDS**

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## Information for parents on preventing infections caused by Pseudomonas

### Details

Format

A4, 2 pages

Target group

Parents and general public

### Downloads

**Attachment**

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

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