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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 units.

Dr Philip Donaghy, Consultant in Health Protection, PHA, said: "The PHA is supporting the HSC Trusts by providing practical guidance on infection prevention and control to help them to minimise the risk of contamination."

"As a further precautionary measure, there is now an ongoing programme of water testing and replacement of taps in residential premises, including all public and Northern Ireland. Batches are not coming into contact with the water and only once infection control measures are in place will be successful."

"I would also like to emphasise that effective infection control for all staff and visitors is required and is vital. It is also important that the public continues to follow good hygiene practice when visiting hospitals. In particular, patients of hospitals in residential units must wash their hands thoroughly and use an alcohol rub before they reach the beds in their apartments."

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

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Notes to Editors

- For interview requests, please contact Gary Mahoney on 028 9053 3903
- The PHA will provide further information on the outbreak and the current situation in relation to Pseudomonas pneumoniae units. The current guidance, dissemination of this information to the public, and the current situation in relation to Pseudomonas pneumoniae units, is available on the PHA website: www.hse.ie/eng/health/psa/psa_pneumonia.htm
- Information on infection prevention and control measures is available on the PHA website: www.hse.ie/eng/health/psa/psa_pneumonia.htm
- The PHA will continue to provide the most up-to-date information on the outbreak and will continue to monitor the situation.

Information for parents on preventing infections caused by Pseudomonas

Details

Format

A4, 2 pages

Target group

Parents and general public

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Attachment

Size

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

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