

Millennium Farm Trust

GN5.2 Infection Control Policy and Procedures.

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Policy

1. Policy Statement

Millennium Farm Trust is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all individuals at Depden Care Farm. Infection control is a critical aspect of our commitment to ensuring the well-being of our service users, staff, and visitors. This policy outlines the measures and procedures in place to prevent and control the spread of infections within our facilities at the farm. It is in compliance with the guidance provided by the UK government for services delivering adult social care.

2. Objectives

- To minimize the risk of infections for service users, staff, and visitors.
- To comply with relevant UK government guidelines and regulations related to infection control in adult social care settings.
- To promote a culture of awareness and responsibility regarding infection prevention among all stakeholders.

3. Responsibilities

Management and Leadership

- The management team is responsible for ensuring the implementation and adherence to infection control policies and procedures.
- Regular reviews of the policy will be conducted to reflect changes in government guidance or best practices.

Staff Responsibilities

- All staff members are required to undergo training on infection control procedures and follow them diligently.
- Staff members must report any signs of infection, illness, or exposure to infectious diseases promptly.

Service User Responsibilities

- Service users are encouraged to participate in their own infection prevention by practicing good personal hygiene and adhering to guidelines provided by staff.

Visitors Responsibilities

- Visitors must comply with infection control measures, including hand hygiene and any additional precautions indicated by staff.

Procedures

1. Hand Hygiene

- All staff, service users, and visitors must practice regular handwashing using soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
- Hand hygiene stations will be strategically placed throughout the facility.
- Suitable gloves should be worn at all times when outside working on the farm and removed on entering HQ for breaks etc.

2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

- Appropriate PPE will be provided and must be worn as per guidelines during specific activities eg leather gauntlets for managing hedges, eye protection when strimming, ear protection when using load machines.
- Staff will be trained on the correct use, disposal, and replacement of PPE.

3. Cleaning and Disinfection

- Regular cleaning and disinfection of common areas, high-touch surfaces, and equipment will be conducted following recommended protocols.
- Adequate cleaning supplies will be provided, and staff will be trained on their proper use.

4. Waste Management

- Proper disposal of waste, eg vet meds, recycling and farm waste, will all be strictly followed according to guidelines set out in a farm management plan (vet meds) or by our waste contractor (eg general waste and recycling).

5. Isolation Procedures

- Isolation facilities will be designated for individuals exhibiting symptoms of infectious diseases as set out GN 5.1 Sickness and administration of Medicines Policy.

6. Reporting and Monitoring

- Any incidents of infections or suspected outbreaks will be promptly reported through GN8. Incident reporting policy
- Regular monitoring and audits of infection control measures will be conducted through regular policy compliance checks.

This policy and associated procedures will be reviewed annually or as needed to ensure alignment with the latest government guidelines and industry best practices.