

Two or more cases of D&V

In hours – 9:00AM – 17:00PM

Ensure staff assess, monitor and document symptoms on outbreak forms

For D&V use Bristol stool chart

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Call the Health Protection Team
for advice and support

Tel: 770 1276/1467

- Display outbreak posters
- Inform staff & visitors
- Reinforce hand hygiene

- Complete outbreak form daily
- List all resident's & staff details
- Email/phone daily to Health Protection Team

Specimens

D&V: Collect faeces samples from 2 affected patients. Pots available from HP Team

- Postpone non urgent appointments
- Inform hospital of outbreak if residents admitted
- Cancel events (discuss with HP Team)

Complete a fluid & stool chart for all affected residents

If HP Unit do not advise to close the Home, no further action is required.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

- Isolate affected residents in their own rooms
- Keep doors closed

Affected staff must stay off work

48 hours after last symptoms

Enforce handwashing using soap and water by staff, residents & visitors.

DO NOT RELY ON ALCOHOL GEL DURING AN OUTBREAK.

Gloves & aprons available in all rooms

Remove as clinical waste before leaving room

Use red alginate water soluble laundry bags for soiled linen during an outbreak.

Increase cleaning throughout the Home!

Dept. Health advises bleach (or Milton) on hard surfaces i.e. Handrails, toilets, bedrails, door & toilet handles

4+ times a day and when soiled/dirty

The home can reopen after discussion with HP Team and must be deep cleaned first

48 hours after last symptoms

The HP Team will contact the Home daily during the outbreak to provide further advice & support.