

Staff Briefing



Wash your hands regularly



Keep your distance



Wear a face covering



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Belfast Trust has become the first NHS provider in Northern Ireland to sign a pledge supporting the principals of a new Nursing Times campaign. The **Are You Ok?** Campaign aims to highlight the impact the pandemic has had on the mental health and wellbeing of nurses and other staff in Health and Social Care who have been responding to the crisis.

Director of Nursing, User Experience and Allied Health Professionals at Belfast Trust, Brenda Creaney said,

“We are delighted to support the Nursing Times Are You Ok? Campaign. It has been a very challenging year for staff working in Health and Social Care. Belfast Trust recognises it is very important that supports are in place to protect staff mental health and wellbeing, therefore we continue to offer a wide range of resources and information to staff to ensure they have access to support when they need it.

Belfast Trust are also looking forward to working with colleagues across Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland on the **Thrive** pilot to offer support regionally to staff impacted by the pandemic.”



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Aseptic Non-Touch Technique

Belfast Trust is committed to maintaining patient safety and one of the top priorities for the Trust is to reduce HCAs (Healthcare Associated Infections).

One of the key strategies to protect patients from preventable HCAs is applying the principles of Aseptic Non-Touch Technique (ANTT).

Due to the invasive nature and risk of infection associated with clinical procedures, it is essential that staff performing these tasks maintain/implement an aseptic technique.

Each clinical area should have a number of ANTT assessors to ensure staff remain up-to-date.

The IPCT have restructured the ANTT assessor sessions based on user feedback. These are now available to book via HRPTS, search 'ANTT'.

Please read the instructions on HRPTS carefully before applying as the process to access the face-to-face sessions has now changed.

CLICK HERE TO FIND:

- An updated 'Introduction to ANTT' presentation.
- A presentation on ANTT assessment.
- An ANTT Awareness Newsletter.
- The ANTT Skills Assessment Tool.

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1. The updated retention and disposal schedule
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3. What to do with misfiled information
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