

## The Infection Prevention and Control Development Pathway

The Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Development Pathway consist of 3 levels – Foundation level 1, Intermediate level 2 and Advanced level 3.

The Foundation level 1 pathway has been developed to broaden understanding and knowledge of IPC, its application to everyday practice and is accessible for all health and care staff. It is important that you complete this level 1 before undertaking levels 2 and 3.

The Intermediate level 2 pathway has been developed to provide a more in depth understanding of IPC both within the workplace and wider organisation. It will assist behavioural change and facilitate you to view IPC with a more critical eye. It is aimed at any registrant/manager in the health and social care sector with an interest or specific role in IPC e.g., link practitioner, senior staff in managerial/lead roles, staff wishing to pursue a specialist career in IPC or IPC specialists who maybe new in post. It is recommended that you complete the Foundation level 1 prior to undertaking level 2.

The Advanced level 3 builds on from the level 2 pathway, assisting in developing your own knowledge, skills and behaviours as well as your team members and the wider organisation in relation to IPC. This pathway provides an opportunity to attain academic credits from the University of Bolton at Master’s Level 7. It is recommended that you undertake levels 1 and 2 prior to undertaking level 3.

### How do I get started?

To access any of the IPC levels you will need to enrol onto your chosen pathway. There are two options for enrolment, either individually or via your organisation.

You will need to select the IPC pathway/level you want to access and then select either self-enrolment or organisation/group enrolment. Please check that your organisation has not already enrolled before enrolling as an individual.

If you are looking to enrol onto any of the IPC pathways as an individual, please select the IPC individual access user guide. If you are looking to purchase any of the IPC pathways as an organisation/group, please follow the IPC organisation/group access user guide.

### How much does this cost?

The IPC Foundation Level 1 pathway is free to access until April 2023.

For the Intermediate and Advanced pathways please see the tables 1 and 2 which detail individual and group costings.

Table 1 – Individual Costings

Course Level	Cost per Individual user
Foundation Level1	Free
Intermediate Level 2	£250
Advanced Level 3	£300 – eLearning programme £400 – Academic credits

Table 2 – Organisation / Group Costings

Course Level (Unlimited yearly access)	Cost per Organisation / Group	
	Foundation Level1	Free
	<b>One off for &gt;= 50 users (10% discount to be applied)</b>	<b>One off for &gt;= 100 users (15% discount to be applied)</b>
Intermediate Level 2	£12,500	£25,000
Advanced Level 3	£13,500	£25,500

### Further Information

Have Questions? Please check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for further information or contact the IPC eLearning help desk on [IPCelearning.Support@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:IPCelearning.Support@mft.nhs.uk). You can also access the user guides for more detailed information.