

**SAY NO TO INFECTION**  
**Action Card for a single case of**  
**Scabies**

***Is this an outbreak?***

Remember, two or more suspected or confirmed cases of scabies could indicate an outbreak. Inform Public Health England (PHE 03442253560) immediately and a member of the CCG Care Home Support Team for advice and support

1	Immediate actions to take in the event you suspect a resident has Scabies	Completed ✓
	A. Where possible isolate the resident	
	B. Inform the residents GP	
	C. Inform and communicate concerns to carers and residents next of kin	
2	Ensure the following actions are incorporated into the residents daily care plan	Completed ✓
	A. If possible isolate the resident in their own room until a minimum of one successful application of treatment has been applied.	
	B. Ensure handwashing facilities and a supply of liquid soap and paper towels are available for staff within the residents' room to enable staff to wash hands before and after contact with the resident.	
	C. Supplies of PPE (Gloves & Aprons) should be available for staff use when delivering personal care, applying prescribed treatment for scabies and for contact with bed linen and residents clothing.	
	D. If the resident is confirmed to have a scabies and prescribed treatment, apply it as directed by the GP/Public Health England (PHE).	
	E. Remember, sometimes more than one tube of lotion to treat will be needed.	
	F. Once treated the resident should be encouraged to change into clean clothing, and their bed linen changed. Linen and residents clothing should be laundered on the hottest wash the material will withstand and segregated in colour coded bag (red) bag as per local policy.	
	G. Cleaning within the resident's room should be increased with a focus on dust. Ensure that curtains, soft furnishings and carpets are vacuumed and cleaned thoroughly.	
	H. It is advisable to draw up a list of all known residents and staff who have had prolonged skin to skin contact with the affected resident and observe for any signs of scabies infection for 4 – 6 weeks.	
	I. Remember, symptoms to include itching can often remain for several weeks after treatment. Seek advice from the residents GP	
	J. If the resident's condition deteriorates then staff should inform the senior carer or home manager and GP if necessary.	

For additional guidance on anything relating to 'Say No To Infection' please visit [www.coventryrugbyccg.nhs.uk](http://www.coventryrugbyccg.nhs.uk) and search for 'Say No To Infection'.

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