



We are proud to announce that **North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust** has chosen to participate in the clean**your**hands campaign as all our staff take infection seriously and are committed to keeping our clients and service users as safe and healthy as possible.

The clean**your**hands campaign aims to:

- Raise awareness of the need for good hand hygiene practice amongst healthcare workers;
- Raise awareness of the importance of hand hygiene amongst clients and service users, and encourage them to ask staff if they have cleaned their hands before treatment;
- Help tackle preventable healthcare associated infections.

It does this by enabling staff to clean their hands at the right time and in a quick and effective manner through the provision of alcohol handrubs where it is appropriate, and ensuring that staff always have access to facilities for hand washing; providing environmental prompts to remind staff to clean their hands; involving clients and service users and providing supporting tools and resources to assist local implementation and engagement of staff at all levels.

Hand hygiene is one of the most basic procedures to help prevent the spread of infections. When staff clean their hands before and after they touch a client or service user they remove the microorganisms which can cause infections.

We hope you will support us in the campaign and if you have any questions please contact **Carol Lawton**, clean**your**hands co-ordinator. Tel 01782 273510 ext 2304