

The remit of the gastroenteritis and port health team extends to the following areas:

- zoonotic disease
- general gastro-intestinal illness
- water related issues both microbiological and chemical
- food related issues related to human infective diseases
- port health

A multi-disciplinary team includes doctors, nurses and information officers covering a wide range of problems/issues within remit. Team members also contribute to the acute services team; surveillance of the relevant diseases is an important foundation for team work.

In relation to the above areas, the activity of the team involves:

- preparation of business plans
- reviewing and updating relevant questionnaires and protocols
- organising education activities
- commenting on the surveillance of disease
- preparation of monthly, quarterly and annual reports
- reviewing the management of outbreaks
- preparation and revision of outbreak plans

Some of the activity is dealt with by a weekly quality assurance meeting.

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## **Key areas of ongoing work**

- Development of regional outbreak plan
- Review and updating of protocols
- Continuous monitoring of gastro-intestinal diseases
- Audit of port health issues

**Courses / conferences - Nil**

## **Key links**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

## **Investigation Questionnaires**

The following questionnaires should be used with effect from 1 January 2012. These supersede all previous versions.

- [Food Poisoning Investigation Form Version 3](#)
- [Surveillance of Escherichia Coli O157 infection Version 3](#)

## **Patient Factsheets**

[Campylobacter Factsheet](#)

[Shiga toxin-producing E.coli \(STEC\)](#)

[Giardiasis Factsheet](#)

[Food Poisoning Factsheet](#)

[Salmonella Factsheet](#)

[Cryptosporidium Factsheet](#)

[Collecting A Stool Factsheet](#)

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