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Dear Colleague,

Scabies Infestation at Bayview Care Home, Cruden Bay.

A small number of residents and staff at Bayview Care Home have recently been diagnosed with scabies infestation. A number of other residents and staff have also experienced similar symptoms suggesting transmission is occurring within the residential setting. As a consequence treatment is being advised to all residents and permanent staff, agency and NHS visiting staff who have symptoms, and those visitors who have recently visited residents with symptoms. In addition, where staff and visitors have themselves experienced symptoms of infestation, treatment is recommended for all of their household members and close personal contacts.

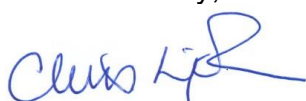
Treatment is being provided directly to residents and staff. NHS visiting staff, agency staff, visitors and close contacts of symptomatic staff members or visitors are being advised to access a supply of treatment by requesting a prescription from their GP or from their community pharmacy through Pharmacy First.

The treatment advised is as follows:

Permethrin 5% cream 2 x 30g tubes. Two treatments to be applied 7 days apart. Cream to be applied over the whole body as directed and washed off after 8 to 12 hours. Usually one tube of cream is sufficient for one treatment application but no more than two tubes (60g) to be used for each treatment.

I enclose an information leaflet which is being provided to residents, staff and affected visitors for your information. If you would like any further information in relation to this incident, please contact the Health Protection team on 01224 558520 during office hours.

Yours sincerely,



**Christopher Littlejohn
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Enclosures: FAQs; How to apply permethrin cream