

## **Meet our new infection prevention and control (IPC) advisors**

Please welcome our two new IPC advisors, who have joined the Quality Team to support Care settings in Suffolk and north east Essex.

### **Heather Dakin**



I am Heather Dakin and I have joined NEECCG on a part-time basis to work with the IPC Team supporting our care homes and care providers in north east Essex alongside Emma Mills, Maisey Dear and Claire Krickova. I was until January 2020 Head of IPC for ESNEFT, having worked primarily at Colchester Hospital and latterly Ipswich Hospital/Community and ACE. Prior to joining the IPC Team I had worked in burns, plastic surgery, community outreach and medicine. I retired in January 2020 after 37 years in the NHS, but I am pleased to be returning to the fray to join the team so I can help support colleagues in care home settings at this challenging time by championing IPC in your settings during the next few months.

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### **Jane Beckford**



I am Jane Beckford and I recently joined the Suffolk CCGs to provide advice and training on infection prevention and control to care homes and other community settings. I have worked for most of my nursing career in the fields of community infection prevention and health protection in central London, where I enjoyed partnering with health and social care professionals to meet the challenge of implementing safe practice across diverse community settings. Since 2018, I have been retraining as a psychologist, but did not hesitate to return to the world of infection control in order to help meet the current challenges we face with Covid-19. I am currently working remotely from London, but look forward to virtually meeting and supporting Suffolk healthcare staff over the coming weeks.

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