

Scabies

Is an infection caused by a small mite (parasite) through close contact with someone who has physical symptoms of the disease.

**It is common in residential care home settings,
It is a very unpleasant debilitating skin condition.**

**The incubation period is 6 weeks or
Sooner if the host has had it before.**

Rashes and spots appear which are very itchy.

The rash is a result of the waste excretion of the mite and the hosts immune response to it.

Crusted Scabies occurs when there has been delay in primary diagnosis, if it goes undetected for months, the skin becomes thickened and crusty and can occur anywhere on the body.

A dermatologist may be required for diagnosis or alternatively an Infection control nurse can advise on management and treatment.

Treatment

Is usually lyclear 5% Dermal cream . All staff and residents need to be treated, or depending on contacts may extent to family members. An alternatives may be required for pregnant staff

No bath is required before treatment
Bedding should be laundered as foul infected
PPE IS Required when applying treatment.



Crusted scabies occurs when prolonged symptoms have been without diagnosis and treatment. It is very debilitating and highly infectious. Keratin in the skin becomes thicker and adherent and can present in many ways.

Spots

Excoriations

Bleeding skin through excessive scratching

Sleepless night due to discomfort

Can cause weeks or months of misery

