

CFANZ Cross Infection Policy – *excerpt from the CFANZ Policy Document*

Cross Infection

This policy is to apply to conferences, gatherings and meetings of people with CF, for which CFANZ is responsible at both National and branch level.

Policy 1

People with Cystic Fibrosis must take all reasonable steps to minimize the risk of cross infection, when attending any gathering of people with CF.

Procedures

People with Cystic fibrosis who wish to attend any conference, meeting or indoor event organised by CFANZ, where more than one person with CF is likely to attend, must provide the organiser of the event with a negative bacteriological report for *Burkholderia cepacia* and MRSA.

People with CF wishing to attend any CFANZ events, are to arrange a bacteriological test through their doctor, to test for the presence of *Burkholderia cepacia* and MRSA. The test is to be made not more than three weeks prior to the CFANZ event. This test must be performed at a laboratory, which is able to test for this bacterium.

People with CF who have tested positive for *Burkholderia cepacia* or MRSA, at any time, must provide three negative tests taken during the twelve months prior to the CFANZ event.

The organiser of any indoor event is responsible for publicising the policy and ensuring that it is followed. For National events this will generally be the Chief Executive, and for Branch events it will be the Branch Chairperson.

The organiser is also responsible for ensuring that appropriate hygiene guidelines are available, that suitable venues are used, and that adequate handwashing facilities and hygienic rubbish disposal bins are available.