

SPRINGWOOD SURGERY

Infection Control Annual Statement March 2024

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in March. It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our Significant Event procedure)
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken and actions undertaken
- Details of any control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Background

Practice Manager Danielle Adams is the interim Practice Lead for Infection Control and performs an annual in-depth Infection Control Audit. Danielle is supported by HCA Kirsty Solomon who does monthly Infection Control Audits and reports the findings to the Practice Manager, for implementation if needed.

Significant Events

In the last year (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024) there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

Audits

Dr Sarah Lee and Dr Michael Smith perform Minor Surgery for Springwood Surgery and Dr Lee does an annual audit every November to highlight any infections related to the Minor Surgery Procedure. No infections have been reported for the period November 2022 – February 2024.

Monthly Audits have just highlighted small issues such as:

- No sanitizing gel in one of the toilets
- No paper towels in one of the toilets

These issues were brought to the attention of the cleaning team for action.

Risk Assessments

The practice performs numerous Risk Assessments such as:

- Cleaning Assessment – A member of the Nursing Team carries out a Cleaning Inspection every 6 months and reports the findings to the Practice Manager.
- Security Risk Assessment – Annually
- Surgery Risk Assessment – Annually
- Fire Risk Assessment – Annually
- Health & Safety Risk Assessment - Annually

Curtains

Modesty curtains in treatment rooms are disposable and once opened are changed every 3 months as per practice policy.

Staff training

The practice nurses completed a training course for the prevention of infection and infection control specifically for clinical staff, and refresh by completing the course annually, our admin team also complete on-line training for infection control for administrative staff. Our cleaning team are given an Education Training Session on Infection Control by our Lead Practice Nurse on an annual basis to update them on current regulations.

All our staff (including admin team are aware of the importance of hand hygiene and complete basic infection control training). We have hand washing guidance about all our hand basins for information.

Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are reviewed and updated annually, and all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes.

Review Due: February 2025