

## **INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT**

Thornbury Road Centre for Health

31/01/2023

### **Purpose**

This annual statement will be generated each year in January in accordance with the requirements of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance. The report will be published on the practice website and will include the following summary:

- 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 risk assessments undertaken for the prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

### **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead**

The lead for infection prevention and control at Thornbury Road Centre for Health is Alexia De Castro Marlton.

The IPC Lead is supported by Maria Power, Practice Manager.

#### **a. Infection transmission incidents (significant events)**

Significant events involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events.

Positive events are discussed at meetings to allow all staff to be appraised of areas of best practice.

Negative events are managed by the staff member who either identified or was advised of any potential shortcoming. This person will complete a Significant Event Analysis (SEA) form that commences an investigation process to establish what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements.

All significant events are reviewed and discussed in several meetings each month. Any learning points are cascaded to all relevant staff where an action plan, including audits or policy review, may follow.

In the past year there have been 0 significant events raised that related to infection control. There have also been 0 complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

**b. Infection prevention audit and actions**

Following an infection control audit on 23/02/2022 the following actions were undertaken:

- Cleaning issues reported to NHS Property Services who provide cleaning services
- Action plan developed for the coming year including:
  - Replacing clinician chairs in consultation rooms
  - Updating cleaning checklists
  - Cleaning of the bin area
  - Regular spot checks for correct disposal of waste

**c. Risk Assessments**

Risk assessments are carried out so that any risk is minimised to be as low as reasonably practicable. Additionally, a risk assessment which can identify best practice can be established and then followed.

In the last year the following risk assessments were carried out/reviewed:

- Staffing, new joiners and ongoing training
- COSHH
- Water safety
- Sharps

**d. Training**

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Thornbury Road Centre for Health all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receive refresher training annually.

**e. Policies and procedures**

The infection prevention and control related policies and procedures which have been written, updated or reviewed in the last year include, but are not limited, to:

- Policies:
  - Infection Prevent & Control Management Policy
  - Policy for Covid-19 Management
  - Recognition & Management of an outbreak of infection
  - Management of an outbreak of viral gastro-intestinal illness
  - Antibiotic Prescribing Policy
  - Sepsis
  - Safe practice Guidance - General:

- Infection Control Principles - the spread of infection
- Standard Infection Control Precautions
- Hand Hygiene
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Safe Use and Disposable of Sharps
- Management of Healthcare Waste
- Environmental Cleaning
- Spillages of Blood & Body Fluids
- Pest Control
- Estates & Facilities Management
- Safe practice Guidance - Clinical:
- Decontamination of Medical Equipment
- Single Use & Single Patient Use Medical Devices
- Vaccine Management & Cold Chain
- Aseptic Technique and Care of Invasive Devices
- Asepsis in Minor Surgical Procedures
- Isolation of Infectious Patients in General Practice
- Collection of Microbiological Specimens
- Infections with Specific Alert Organisms
- Safe practice Guidance - Personnel:
- Management of Occupational Exposure to Blood-borne Viruses
- Management of infections in staff
- Uniform & Dress Code

Policies relating to infection prevention and control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated two-yearly. Additionally, all policies are amended on an on-going basis as per current advice, guidance and legislation changes.

### **Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of all staff members at Thornbury Road Centre for Health to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

### **Review**

The IPC Lead and Practice Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before 31/01/2024

### **Signed by**

Maria Power  
For and on behalf of Thornbury Road Centre for Health