

Infection Control Annual Statement

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Infection Control Annual Statement 2022-2023

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year. 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

Wetmore Road Surgery has one lead for Infection, Prevention and Control, our Senior Practice Nurse Sarah Brooker, supported by Rob Paton our Practice Manager.

Nurse Sarah Brooker keeps updated on infection control and shares necessary information with the team at appropriate team meetings.

The practice employs a cleaning company to undertake the day to day cleaning of the practice and a Health Care Assistant who has responsibility for ensuring the clinical items are cleaned to the correct standard and a clinical equipment cleaning log is completed. In an emergency the practice nurses on duty undertake additional cleaning as appropriate.

Significant Events

In the past year (1.4.22 – 31.3.23) there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

Audits

An audit on Minor Surgery was undertaken in April 2023 by Mr Rob Paton. This audit was a requirement of the Minor Surgery Enhanced Service. This confirmed that the practice was undertaking all actions possible to reduce the risk of infection during those procedures.

Due to the pandemic very few minor surgery procedures have been undertaken and the practice is only now getting back to normal working levels.

An Anenta Waste audit was carried out in April 2023 to review the Clinical and Hazardous waste system and procedures. An action plan was set up on the 28th April and the practice are working through the small number of areas where an improvement was required.

We are also working towards the New Standards of Health and Care Cleanliness. All waste bins have already been replaced and new labelling has been added to ensure the correct segregation is known and undertaken by all staff.

Hand hygiene audits have been undertaken by Sister Sarah Brooker throughout the year.

We are working with our Cleaning Company to ensure that regular general cleaning audits are undertaken following a number of concerns raised by the practice over recent months about standards in certain areas. These joint audits should be taking place quarterly.

Staff have attended Infection Control updates. Health Care Waste Management and Disposal training is also a requirement for some staff. Hand hygiene updates are on the wall at every sink unit. Spots checks on hand washing and aseptic technique are on-going.

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so best practice can be established and then followed.

Cleaning specifications, frequencies and cleanliness of equipment

Clinical cleaning is carried out daily on a rotational basis by our HCA. This is documented on paper and filed in a folder. There are spot checks on all the rooms on a monthly basis as per our Infection Control Policy. Clinical cleaning has been updated and extended in view of the greater risks associated with Covid.

The practice continues to contract cleaning services to a company called Minster Cleaning. Cleaning plans and procedures have been reviewed this year. As stated above, the company now undertaken regular reviews of the standard of the cleaning provided and issues are fed back to them as needed. New policies have been written and carried out by staff and are updated and revised annually. Cleaning spot checks are carried out monthly and an annual audit undertaken as part of our Infection Control protocol.

Toys, books and magazines

Due to the pandemic and the greater risks involved, these have unfortunately had to be removed from the waiting and consulting rooms.

Curtains

The surgery has blinds both at the windows and in consulting rooms. All blinds will be cleaned as per our contract cleaning specification. Modesty curtains in treatment

rooms have been changed to disposable and are changed every 6 months as per practice policy.

Staff training

Our aim is to conduct infection Control training annually and this will include hand hygiene. We have undertaken spot checks on hand washing and aseptic technique.

Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

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

Rob Paton

Practice Manager

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