

Infection Control Annual Statement

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Infection Control Annual Statement 2019-2020

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in June. 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 Liz Griffin, supported by Rob Paton our Practice Manager.

Nurse Liz Griffin 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 (1.4.18 – 31.3.19) there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

Audits

An audit on Minor Surgery was undertaken in April 2018. An overall infection rate of 3 patients in 79 procedures was recorded (3.8%). Three of the 35 patients who had a toenail procedure suffered an infection that was treated with antibiotics whereas of the 44 patients who underwent a different excision procedure, none were found to have suffered an infection.

In September 2017 an Infection Prevention and Control in General Practice audit was completed by Christine Seery, Infection Prevention and Control Nurse. The practice scored a success rate of 83% with only minor issues needing actioning, which have now been undertaken. Policies and procedures have now been finalised and are operational. While some inadequacies were noted and these have been corrected to ensure compliance we will aim to do more to share information with our patients and will therefore place a copy of this Annual Statement on our practice website and will notify patients of any seasonal outbreaks that they may need to be aware of via posters in the surgery and on our website.

Staff have attended Infection Control updates. 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.

Staff training was undertaken following that to ensure we adhered to the required standards. In June 2016 the arrangements for cleaning services changed with the retirement of our employed cleaner. The practice now contracts cleaning services to a company called Minster Cleaning. Cleaning plans and procedures have been reviewed as a result of this change and the new service is being monitored by Mr Rob Paton and Sister Liz Griffin. The company now undertaken regular reviews of the standard of the cleaning provided and issues are fed back to them as needed. Our Health Care Assistant is assisting our cleaning company in ensuring the new procedures that have been put in place are being adhered to and that cleaning specifications and frequencies are adequate for a General Practice environment. 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

We provide minimal toys to help entertain children whilst they are in the waiting room and during consultations. We feel it is important to have some provision for those parents who do not bring their own toys to entertain their children, however, we have to manage risk. NHS Cleaning Specifications recommend that all toys are cleaned regularly and we have implemented this as part of our cleaning schedule. Our clinical Health Care Assistant has responsibility for undertaking the cleaning of toys on a weekly basis. Books and magazines are also reviewed and discarded if damaged or are tatty /dirty

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. An infection Control Update for nurses took place in 2018. All clinical staff have been given the NHS Preventing Infection Workbook and Guidance for General Practice. Nurses are attending updates in 2019. 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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