

Infection Control Annual Statement

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in May, 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*. It summarises:

- 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 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 Waterfront and Solent lead for Infection Prevention and Control is Practice Nurse, Helen Tisdell.

The IPC Lead is supported by: Mrs Tonia Fox, Practice Manager

Helen Tisdell has attended an IPC Lead training course in 2014 and keeps updated on infection prevention practice.

Infection transmission incidents (Significant Events)

Significant events (which may involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events) are investigated in detail to see what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements. All significant events are reviewed in the monthly GP/Nurse meetings and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff.

In the past year there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

An audit of the premises was undertaken and as a result of the audit, the following will be carried out at Waterfront and Solent Surgery:

- Review when the next painting and repair to walls is due to be undertaken, and prioritise repair to the wood work outside the nurses rooms in this paint work i.e. needs stripping back not just another paint layer on top.
- Consider replacing the flooring to the nurse assistant room that is to specification as this room is used as a treatment room.
- When next purchasing furniture buy to specification i.e. remove the wood and fabric over time
- Review why the wall mounted soap dispensers are not being used and suggest renewing or replacing

The Waterfront and Solent Surgery plan to undertake the following audits in 2015/16:

- Domestic Cleaning audit
- Hand hygiene audit

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. Our Infection control lead, and Matthew Richardson, Infection Control Lead for the CCG carried out an Annual Infection Control Assessment in February 2015. The following action/improvement plan was made:

- Domestic cleaning – areas identified that were not being cleaned adequately
- Update the Legionella Risk Assessment

Immunisation

As a practice we ensure that all of our staff, are up to date with their Hepatitis B immunisations and offered any occupational health vaccinations applicable to their role (i.e. MMR, Seasonal Flu). We take part in the National Immunisation campaigns for patients and offer vaccinations in house and via home visits to our patient population.

Training

The following staff received training in infection prevention and control:

March 2014 – Infection Control and Asepsis – Infection Control Lead attended this course.

May 2014 – MDU Infection Control, training presentation – Clinical staff attended this presentation.

Policies

All Infection Prevention and Control related policies are in date for this year.

Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually. They are all amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes. Infection Control policies are circulated amongst staff for reading and discussed at meetings on an ongoing basis.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each individual to be familiar with this Statement and their roles and responsibilities under this.

Review date

26th May 2016

Responsibility for Review

The Infection Prevention and Control Lead and the Practice Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement.

Helen Tisdell, Lead for IPC and Practice Nurse

Tonia Fox, Practice Manager

For and on behalf of the Waterfront and Solent Surgery