

Infection Control Annual Statement

Wetmore Road Surgery

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Infection Control Annual Statement 2017-2018

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 (1.4.16 – 31.3.17) there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

Audits

An audit on Minor Surgery was undertaken in April 2016. An overall infection rate of 4 patients in 57 procedures was recorded (7.0%). Two of the 22 patients who had a toenail procedure suffered an infection that was treated with antibiotics whereas of the 37 patients who underwent a different excision procedure, two were found to have suffered an infection.

In May 2014 an Infection Prevention and Control in General Practice audit was completed by Kerrie Smith, Infection Prevention and Control Nurse. Policies and procedures have now been finalised and are operational. 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.

Training in hand hygiene and infection control took place in July 2016. Spot checks take place opportunistically and at least 12 monthly.

Risk Assessments

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

Cleaning specifications, frequencies and cleanliness of equipment

Sister Gill Boast, our previous Senior Nurse led a piece of work in September 2014 on cleaning specifications and frequencies, including infection control and cleanliness of equipment. 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. 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 staff took place on 1st July 2016. All clinical staff have been given the NHS Preventing Infection Workbook and Guidance for General Practice.

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

10.5.2017