

STRAWBERRY HILL MEDICAL CENTRE

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INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT 2019

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated at the beginning of calendar each year. It will summarise the following:

- Any infections transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our Significant Event Policy).
- The annual infection control audit and action undertaken
- Control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training (both part of induction and annual training) with regards to Infection, Prevention & Control
- Details of infection control advice to Patients
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.

Background

Strawberry Hill Medical Centre Leads for Infection, Prevention and Control are: Dr Angus Whitfield, Sue Bennett, Nurse Practitioner/Manager & Denise Critchley, Practice Nurse who are supported by IPC Working Group, meeting quarterly.

This team keep updated with Infection, Prevention and Control and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.

Significant Events Relating to Infection, Prevention and Control

In the past year (January to December 2018) there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

Audits

Audits were carried out by the cleaning company on a monthly basis. Any areas for improvement were reported to the cleaning supervisor.

Hand Hygiene 26.7.18 and 17.1.19.

Staff Training

All staff complete an annual Infection, Prevention and Control training, either face to face training or via e-learning.

The CCG Infection, Prevention & Control Nurse undertook in-house training for all staff in April 2018. The basic principles were discussed and a hand washing techniques and audit took place.

An in-house training session took place for all staff about sharps boxes. This took place in November 2018.

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Risk Assessments:

Regular risk assessment are undertaken to minimise the risk of infection and to ensure the safety of patients and staff. The following risk assessments related to infection prevention & control has been completed in the past year and appropriate actions have been taken:

- Provision and cleaning of children toy's
- Control of Substance Hazardous Health to Health (COSHH)
- Disposal of clinical waste
- Healthcare associated infection (HAI) and occupational infection
- Isolation of contagious patients
- Minor Surgery
- Use of Nebulisers for suspected patients with infections
- Sharp Injury
- Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Use of sharps boxes
- Risk of body fluid spills
- MRSA risk assessment
- Legionella risk assessment

Cleaning Specification, Frequencies and Cleanliness of Equipment

It is the responsibility of each clinician to clean treatment areas/GP rooms and equipment between patients.

Curtains

Disposable modesty curtains are used in all clinical rooms and are changed on a rolling regular basis.

Flooring

All patient areas have laid vinyl floor which is easy wipeable for any spillages etc.

Furniture

All furniture in patient's areas is made of easily cleanable substance and again wipeable in case of any spillages or bloodily fluid.

Infection Control Advice to Patients:

The practice encourages all patients to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available through the surgery, on all three floors when entering and leaving the building.

Patients who are thought to have an infection that may be contagious ie chickenpox are asked to wait in a designated isolation room rather than the main waiting room.

There have been no reported cases of MRSA acquired in the practice.

There are leaflets / posters available within the surgery or on our practice's website on any relevant disease outbreaks including:

- Measles
- Pneumococcal vaccinations
- HPV
- Whooping cough and pregnancy
- Meningitis & septicaemia vaccinations

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- Hepatitis B
- MRSA
- Chicken pox & shingles
- The importance of immunisations (eg in childhood and in preparation for overseas travel)
- Influenza
- Sepsis

Policies, Procedures & Guidelines

The practice has a comprehensive Infection, Prevention & Control policy which is reviewed every six months and in line with national and local guidance changes.

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