

Infection Control Annual Statement 2022/2023

Purpose

The annual statement will be generated each year in April.

It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our Significant Event procedure.
- The annual infection control audit summary and actions undertaken
- Control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training (both as 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:

Woosehill Medical Centre Lead for Infection Prevention /Control is Amanda Parker, practice nurse, who is supported by Kathie Lilley (Lead Nurse) and Dr R Anand.

This team keep updated with infection prevention & control practices and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.

Significant events:

In the past year 2021/2022 The surgery has had to strictly follow infection control national and regional guidelines in the control of covid-19 pandemic.

From April 2022 staff and patients entering the building are all expected to wear facial covering unless exempt.

Audits:

Handwashing assessment Audit November 21- January 2022 AJ Parker

Education + self-hand wash audit for all new staff members. On-going

Weekly temperature control audit using electronic thermometer to ensure cold chain remains in place. This download is completed by room user. (All fridges have temperatures checked twice daily and fridge activity that may cause temporary temperature changes is logged.)

Infection Prevention & control medical centre audit February 2022

Clinicians room cleaning audit January 2022

External Cleaning audit 14.04.2022.

Risk Assessments:

Regular risk assessments 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 have been completed in the past year and appropriate actions have been taken:

- Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH)
- Disposal of waste
- Healthcare associated infections (HCAs) and occupational infections
- Minor surgery
- Sharps injury
- Use of personal protective clothing/equipment
- Risk of body fluid spills
- Legionella risk assessment

Staff training:

17 new staff joined Woosehill Medical Centre in the past 12-months and have received infection control and hand-washing training within month one of employment.

100% of the Practice Clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training. This in the form of online training.

100% of the Practice non-clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training.

The Infection Control Leads attended training updates and regular IPC meetings. Latest update April 2022 for their role provided by Jintana Loss (the Infection Prevention & Control Nurse for Berkshire West CCGs).

Infection Control Advice to Patients:

Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout Woosehill Medical Centre.

There are leaflets/posters available in Woosehill Medical Centre on:

- MRSA
- Chickenpox & shingles
- The importance of immunisations (e.g., in childhood and in preparation for overseas travel)
- Recognising symptoms of TB
- Norovirus
- Influenza

Policies, procedures and guidelines.

Documents related to infection prevention & control are reviewed in line with national and local guidance changes and are updated 2-yearly (or sooner in the event on new guidance).

Completed 26.05.2022

Review May 2023