



ANNUAL INFECTION CONTROL STATEMENT

Introduction

This practice is committed to the control of infection within the building and in relation to the clinical procedures carried out within it. This statement has been produced in line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and details the practice's compliance with guidelines on infection control and cleanliness between the dates of 22.09.2022 and 04.09.2023.

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Infection Control Lead

The practice's clinical lead for infection control is Louise Bradshaw, Nurse.

The practice's non-clinical lead for infection control is Claire Robinson, Practice Manager.

The infection control lead has the responsibility to assist in developing and reviewing specialist infection control policies and protocols, in order to promote and maintain the highest standards of infection prevention and control practice that is evidence and research based.

Significant Events related to Infection Control

There have been no significant events relating to infection control at the practice between the dates of 22.09.2022 and 04.09.2023.

Audits relating to Infection Control

The following audits relating to Infection Control have been undertaken at the practice between the dates 22.09.2022 and 04.09.2023;

Infection Control Annual Audit: Involves a comprehensive review of all aspects of infection prevention and control within the service.

Spot Check: Involves monthly review of cleaning, waste management, health and safety etc.

Cleanliness Check: Involves weekly cleanliness review of clinical and non-clinical rooms and staff areas.

Decontamination of Equipment Check:

As a result of Spot Checks and Cleanliness Check, emphasis was placed on dusting equipment (such as trolleys/portable storage units) within the service. This has since improved significantly.

Risk Assessments relating to Infection Control

The following risk assessments relating to Infection Control have been undertaken at the practice between the dates of 22.09.2022 and 04.09.2023 and the following recommendations and/or actions plans were produced in response to the findings:

Legionella Risk Assessment: Reviewed 30th May 2023. No action needed. Yearly review.

Immunisations: As a service we ensure that all of our staff are up to date with their Hepatitis B Immunisations. All staff are offered influenza vaccines and any occupational health vaccinations applicable. This is reviewed at regular intervals.

Condition of Walls: Minor redecoration is required in all areas.

Soft non wipeable furnishings in clinical rooms: Recommend wipeable furniture in areas where clinical procedures are undertaken. Part of daily cleaning schedule.

Sink plug and overflow facilities: These should not be in clinical areas. Part of daily cleaning schedule.

Specimen Storage: Specimens require dedicated refrigerator. Storage box ordered, until dedicated refrigerator available.

Decorative ceiling light fixture: Regular 'high to reach' cleaning schedule in review.

Radiators and pipework: Cleaning schedule in review.

Practice Policies, Procedures and Guidance relating to Infection Control

The practice maintains the upkeep of the following policies, procedures and guidance related to infection control. These policies, procedures and guidance are reviewed and updated when required, as well as being amended on an ongoing basis to keep up with changes in regulation etc.

- CL007 Infection Control and Prevention
- CL008 Needlestick Injury Policy
- CL009 Hand Hygiene Policy
- CL010 Management of Blood and Body fluid spills
- CL011 Clinical Waste
- CL012 Disposing of Single Use Instruments
- CL013 Blood borne Virus
- CL014 Vaccination Policy
- CL017 Fridge Cleaning and Maintenance
- CL018 Maintenance and Cleaning of Medical Equipment
- CL019 Notifiable Diseases
- CL033 Personal Protective Equipment Policy
- CL046 Patient Placement and Assessment of Infection Risk Policy
- CL049 Toy Cleaning Policy
- CL050 Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Policy
- CL051 Legionella Management Policy

Training relating to Infection Control

All our staff receive annual training in infection prevention and control.