

Infection Control Annual Statement

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Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year 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

Voyager family Health has 2 Leads for Infection Prevention and Control: Ruth Briggs, Nurse Practitioner, and Dawn Hambly, Practice Training, Recruitment & Quality Manager. Ruth is also supported by Julie Harvey, Practice Nurse.

The IPC Lead is supported by: The Frimley Collaborative IPC team (eastberksccg.ipcteam@nhs.net)

Ruth has attended an IPC Lead training course in 2018 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 practice in the team quality 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

The Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit was completed by Ruth Briggs and Julie Harvey in February 2021.

In the past year we have moved to a newly renovated building. The Domestic Cleaning of the premises is managed and audited by Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust.

Other audits carried out in Voyager Family Health in the past year include:

- Hand hygiene audit (March 2022)
- Cold chain and vaccine audit (March 2022)
- Waste audit (March 2022)

Results of these audits were discussed at the practice Quality meetings.

The Practice plans to undertake the following audits in 2022:

- Aseptic technique
- Infections associated with minor surgery carried out in VFH

No audit on Minor Surgery was undertaken in the preceding 12 months as no minor surgery took place due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Minor Surgery re-commenced in March 2022. A 12-month audit is due to be carried out March 2023.

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. In the last year the following risk assessments were carried out / reviewed:

Legionella (Water) Risk Assessment: The practice has conducted/reviewed its water safety risk assessment to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors or staff.

Immunisations: As a practice we ensure that all 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 immunisations campaigns for patients and offer vaccinations in house and via home visits to our patient population.

Since moving to new premises we have replaced all old or worn-out furniture.

We have removed all toys from the premises.

Since the Covid 19 pandemic we have reviewed our cleaning specifications, frequencies and cleanliness and cleaning standards posters are visible in all consultation rooms. The Domestic Cleaning Team from Frimley Health NHS Trust have a cleaning specification and frequency policy which they work to.

Training

All our staff receives bi-annual training in infection prevention and control which is carried out either by e-learning or face-to-face.

Ruth Briggs and Julie Harvey attend frequent updates through Practice Nurse Lead IPC sessions held by the Frimley Collaborative IPC Specialist team.

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, and all are 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 annual basis.

Responsibility

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

Review date

June 2023

Responsibility for Review

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

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Practice Quality Manager

For and on behalf of Voyager Family Health