

PRINCES GARDENS SURGERY

Infection Control Annual Statement

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in **MAY** 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

Princes Gardens Surgery has 1 Lead for Infection Prevention and Control: Leigh-Anne David Practice Nurse

The IPC Lead is supported by: Louisa Enriquez Practice Business Manager & Kerry Hopkins Practice Nurse

Leigh-Anne David 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 weekly clinical 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.

The past year there have been 0 significant events related to infection control.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

The Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit was completed by Leigh-Anne David in October 2018

As a result of the audit, the following things have been changed in Princes Gardens Surgery:

- All waste bins have been upgraded to pedal bins
- Wall mounted hand soap dispensers have been installed in all clinical rooms
- Our cleaners have been reminded of the correct colour coding and equipment storage.
- All clinical rooms will be decluttered.

An audit on Minor Surgery was undertaken by Dr Sibtain.

No infections were reported for patients who had had minor surgery at Princes Gardens Surgery.

The practice has not changed minor surgery procedures as these infections were considered to be unavoidable.

An audit on hand washing is undertaken annually. This was discussed at the annual practice meeting meeting.

The Princes Gardens Surgery plan to undertake the following audits in 2018/2019

- Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit
- Minor Surgery outcomes audit
- Domestic Cleaning audit
- Hand hygiene audit

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.

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

Curtains: The NHS Cleaning Specifications state the curtains should be cleaned or if using disposable curtains, replaced every 6 months. To this effect we use disposable curtains and ensure they are changed every 6 months. The window blinds are very low risk and therefore do not require a particular cleaning regime other than regular vacuuming to prevent build-up of dust. The modesty curtains although handled by clinicians are never handled by patients and clinicians have been reminded to always remove gloves and clean hands after an examination and before touching the curtains. All curtains are regularly reviewed and changed if visibly soiled.

Toys: NHS Cleaning Specifications recommend that all toys are cleaned regularly and we therefore provide only wipeable toys in waiting / consultation rooms.

Cleaning specifications, frequencies and cleanliness: We have added a cleaning specification and frequency policy poster in the waiting room to inform our patients of what they can expect in the way of cleanliness. We also have a cleaning specification and frequency policy which our cleaners and staff work to. An assessment of cleanliness is conducted by the cleaning team and logged. This includes all aspects in the surgery including cleanliness of equipment.

Hand washing sinks: The practice has clinical hand washing sinks in every room for staff to use. Some of our sinks do not meet the latest standards for sinks but we have removed plugs and covered overflows. We have also replaced our liquid soap with wall mounted soap dispensers to ensure cleanliness.

Training

All our staff receives annual training in infection prevention and control. All staff complete online training through our Bluestream Academy software. All clinical staff participate in annual face to face training presentations, quizzes and demonstrations.

Dr Sibtain has undertaken specialist training in joint injections

Leigh-Anne David has undertaken specialist training in Infection Prevention and control, attended TARGET and nurse forum training sessions.

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. All policies are attached to Bluestream Academy training.

Responsibility

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

Review date

October 2019

Responsibility for Review

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

Louisa Enriquez Practice Business Manager

For and on behalf of Princes Gardens Surgery