

**The Pavilion Surgery
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Infection Control Annual Statement Feb 2013 – Feb 2014

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in February. It will summarise:

- 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 taken
- Details of any risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Background

The Pavilion Surgery has one lead for Infection Prevention and control which is our Lead Nurse Julie Lord, supported by Practice Manager Linda Martin.

Julie Lord keeps updated on infection control matters and attends regular updates provided by the CCG and cascades all necessary information with the team at Practice Meetings.

Significant Events

In the past year (01.02.2013 – 01.02.2014) there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

Audits

In November/December 2013 an in-depth Infection Control Audit was undertaken by Julie Lord following on from a visit by CQC in October 2013. There were a number of inadequacies and these are in the process of being rectified to ensure compliance. We aim to do more to share information with our patients and a copy of this Annual Statement will be posted on our website and will be notifying patients of any seasonal outbreaks that they need to be aware of using posters in the surgery and on our website.

Julie Lord has written an Infection Control Policy which addresses the specific needs of The Pavilion Surgery whereas previously the infection control policy was found to be too generic.

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. Since October 2013 the following risk assessments have been carried out.

Cleaning Specifications, frequencies and cleanliness of equipment

Julie Lord has carried out a piece of work pertaining to cleaning specifications and frequencies, infection control and cleanliness of equipment. The Practice cleaning team were part of this risk assessment. The cleaning company were found to be short of their promised monthly audit. This has since been rectified. Julie Lord will audit this every quarter - it is due in March 2014.

Toys, books and Magazines

The practice has made the unanimous decision to get rid of all toys, books and magazines and parents and patients are encouraged to provide their own entertainment whilst waiting.

Curtains

The surgery has various curtains and blinds throughout the building at windows and in consulting rooms/treatment rooms. Some window blinds were found to be in a state of disrepair and these are in the process of being replaced. Curtains in the GP consulting rooms had not been changed in a while and neither had treatment room curtains. Treatment

Room curtains will be changed every 6 months. It was felt that consulting room curtains have a much lower risk of transmitting infections and will be changed annually. We are in the process of doing this. Done 13th March 2014.

Staff Training

Julie Lord gave an Infection Control teaching session on the 16th January 2014. Three members of staff were unable to attend, they have since had hand hygiene training. Everyone was given a teaching pack which included the following:

- The management of Sharps, needlestick and splashing incidents
- The prevention of sharps injury
- Handling and collection of specimens
- Management of blood and /or body fluids
- Exclusion from work following potentially infectious diseases.
- Use of PPE

Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

Infection Control policy will be reviewed annually in February but will be updated as and when any changes occur according to local guidelines.

Julie Lord
February 2014