

INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT 2022/2023 WRITTEN FOR LEE HOUSE SURGERY IN WINDSOR.

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

Infection control leads for the surgery is HCA Mesha Chulan and RGN Gitte Anscombe.

They both undertake yearly training with 3 monthly updates and are supported by the local infection control team.

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 at the quarterly Significant Event meeting and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff.

We have had no significant events raised that related to surgery required infection.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

The Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit was completed by Gitte Anscombe in November 2022

This is a 6 monthly audit was preformed again 22.2.2023 by Mesha Chulan.

No infection control risks were identified at the time, correct procedures were followed.

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 surgery has reviewed its water safety risk assessment to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors, or staff.

Immunisation: - As an Organisation 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). Osborne Road Surgery encourage all employees to have the COVID 19 vaccinations as recommended by the Department of Health for Primary Care.

Other examples

PPE provisions: - with the increased need of PPE with COVID-19 pandemic Osborne Road Surgery have secured access to PPE supplies to ensure that all staff are provided with sufficient resources to meet the changing needs due to the risk of exposure to COVID-19. All staff have undertaken a health risk assessment and where identified at high risk staff will be protected from face to face contact with patients of medium or high risk of disease.

Cleaning specifications, frequencies, and cleanliness

All locations have cleaning specification and frequency policy which their cleaners and staff complete. An assessment of cleanliness is conducted by the practice manager and infection control leads. This includes all aspects in the surgery including cleanliness of equipment and the responsibility of the property owners.

Training

All staff members receive annual training in infection prevention and control. All Staff undertake online training with Bluestream Academy.

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, are reviewed, and updated regularly, and all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance, and legislation changes. Infection Control policies are available to all staff and are discussed regularly at practice meetings

Responsibility

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

Review date

February 2023

Responsibility for Review

The Infection Prevention and Control Leads are responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement.