

Stansted Surgery

Infection Control Summary Statement – January 2021

Purpose

In line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on Prevention and Control of Infection and its related guidance, this annual statement will be generated each year in January.

The statement summaries:

- Responsibilities
- Risk assessment, and the policies in place to address those risks.
- Details of any issues that may challenge infection prevention control, assessment of our compliance and actions to address these issues.
- Details of staff training.

Responsibilities

The Infection Control Lead will enable the integration of infection control principles into standards of care within the practice; they will be the first point of contact for practice staff in respect of infection control issues. They will create and maintain an environment which will ensure the safety of the patient, health care workers, visitors and carer in relation to Healthcare Associated Infection (HCAI). She works closely with the Practice Manager, whose role is to provide backing and authority, and help ensure that changes are fully and sustainably implemented across the practice.

Risk Assessment and Policies

The following table identifies the key risks which are dealt with as part of infection control within Stansted Surgery, and indexes the policies that address those risks.

The policies are stored electronically in Shared on Emis, clearly marked Infection Control and accessible to all staff. The policies have been reviewed and are in date. They have been completed by IPC Lead and Practice Manager.



Key Risks	Policies that address the risk
Infection of service users resulting from poor hygiene by staff	Infection Prevention and Control Policy
Clinical Waste not correctly disposed of resulting in infection of staff and service users	Waste Management Policy
Sharps not securely disposed of, resulting in injury and contamination or service users or staff	Waste Management Policy
Spillage of dangerous chemicals and / or body fluids resulting in injury and / or infection of staff or users	Decontamination Policy
Infection of service users resulting from poor environmental cleanliness	Decontamination Policy
Infection of service users resulting from poor environmental cleanliness	Infection Prevention and Control Policy (sets out our approach to single use items) Decontamination Policy
Injury to service users (including incorrect diagnosis & resulting incorrect treatment) resulting from medical equipment that is not functioning correctly	Inspection, Calibration and Replacement of Equipment policy
Training in infection prevention and control	Jane Buckingham has completed IPC link practitioner course accredited by the Royal College of nursing
Vaccine degradation result from breaking cold chain, resulting in administering ineffective and / or dangerous vaccines	Cold Chain Policy
Vaccines not secure resulting in loss or theft or inappropriate use	Cold Chain Policy
Needlestick injury resulting in infection	Needlestick and Accidental Exposure Policy
Inability to react quickly in an emergency due to inadequate, out of date or inaccessible emergency drugs	Checking expiry dates of Emergency Drugs Policy

Telephone CQC Inspection May 2019 – Rated Good

Significant Events

Covid-19 Pandemic

General Practice has continued to see challenging and unprecedented times during 2021 with Covid-19 and the National Pandemic. Stansted Surgery confirmed to staying Covid-19 secure during 2021.

Five Steps to safer Working Together

- We carried out a Covid-19 risk assessment and shared the results with the staff who work here.
- We have cleaning, handwashing and hygiene procedures in line with guidance.
- We have taken all reasonable steps to help people work from home if required.
- We have taken all reasonable steps to maintain a 2m distance in the workplace.
- Where people cannot be 2m apart, we have done everything practical to manage transmission risk.

The Pandemic has continued during 2021 and we have followed the RCGP Guidance on workload prioritisation during the year. Guidance for wearing PPE, hand hygiene and cleaning have all been adhered to as per Gov.UK Covid 19.

Audits have been carried out with hand hygiene, PPE and Sharps and recorded in line with IPC Team in the CCG recommendations. This has also been stored in Shared under Infection Control for easy access.

I attend the monthly IPC webinar with the Infection Control Team for updated guidelines and recommendations that need to be put in place in Primary Care. I have found these monthly sessions supportive and helpful in making the necessary changes at Stansted Surgery. This has ensured the environment maintains high standards of IPC, but also to assist the practice in achieving compliance. Staff have been testing daily when infection rates have been high to 2 x weekly to monitor for Covid. This has been performed by LFT provided by the Government which we have received in the post.

Daily cleaning of equipment and recording of fridge temperatures is stored under Shared, Infection Control Logs. The Fridge which has the Covid vaccinations stored in is recorded 2x daily.

Privacy curtains have been changed 3 monthly when the covid transmission rates were high. These are normally changed every 6 months.

There have been no needlestick injuries during 2021.

All rooms have been assessed and are appropriately used as per IPC GP Surgery/Health Centre.

Spill Kits are stored in the dirty utility room.

The COSHH file is maintained by Chris Townsend and kept in the dirty utility room.

The surgery is a site centre for South Primary Care Network for delivery of Covid-19 vaccinations. This has been co-ordinated by Dr Angus Henderson, Clinical Lead and Teresa Buglass, PM. All training has been accessed on line and Covid-19 vaccinator competency assessment tools completed for the vaccinators. This has been a massive commitment and undertaking for all Surgery staff and volunteers. The team have been superb and worked hard to ensure safe running of the clinics has been maintained at all times. I feel very proud to have been part of this team in making the delivery of vaccinations to our local community happen. The support we have given each other has been overwhelming and we have stuck together like glue to ensure we have all kept safe and healthy.

Training and Expertise

IPC Lead attends monthly IPC support on line via Teams with Infection Control Team. This is on going and is most valuable for supporting the surgery that adherence is being met in line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008.

All Nursing staff have completed on line IPC training with Blue Stream. Carol Kirby is Link Nurse and completed the 2 day IPS course. Admin and Reception staff are audited with hand hygiene and use of PPE in the surgery and their work stations.

This concludes the summary for 2021 at Stansted Surgery.

Jane Buckingham

Nurse Manager