

## Wistaria & Milford Surgeries - Infection Control Annual Statement 2022

### Purpose

The 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
- 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

Wistaria & Milford Surgeries Lead for Infection Prevention and Control is Dr Alice Mavrogordato completed training in August 2018. Dr Mavrogordato will undertake a further face to face course when available.

The IPC Lead is supported by lead nurse Sian Davies and Jan Lamont, Practice Manager.

Jan Lamont completed triannual Health & Safety training in March 2020 and is due for further training in 2023.

The IPC lead and lead nurse supporting her role will attend tri-annual training on rotation so that all members of the IPC team remain updated. All infection control training is disseminated to the rest of the nursing 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 regular at clinical / staff / partner meetings as appropriate 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 is completed annually by Sister Sian Davies and discussed with the IP lead and the Practice Manager.

As a result of the audit, the following things have been changed in Wistaria & Milford Surgeries:

- Continue to monitor carpet cleaning
- De clutter and refresh of all waiting areas
- All clinical rooms now have non-fabric seating, including those used by the clinicians
- All GP rooms at Milford with hard durable floors. GP rooms at Milford have electronic couches to allow easy deep clean

- Some GP rooms at Wistaria have durable hard floors
- Staff training / meeting room has had fabric chairs replaced with wipe clean chairs
- All window vertical blinds and curtains have been replaced across both sites with roller blinds.
- Further replacement of carpets to hard floors in GP rooms at Milford & Wistaria if NHS/CCG funding allows. Any refurbished rooms in the meantime will have their carpets replaced with durable hard flooring
- Possible landlord refurbishment at Wistaria will ensure total removal of carpets
- New Iris Suite unit has two clinical rooms with hard floors & IPS sinks, the waiting area has a hard durable floor to ensure any spillages are dealt with easily. All chairs for patients & clinicians are wipe clean.
- Infection control, use of PPE's and handwashing training at induction for all new staff
- Annual hand wash hygiene onsite annual training has been completed for all admin staff
- All Practice Nurses have completed on line training in the last year

An audit on Minor Surgery was undertaken by Dr Ian Murray in May 2022 and we can report there were no infections following minor operations or joint injections.

No infections have been reported for patients who had had minor surgery at the Practice.

The Practice continually audits hand washing and has information alongside all sinks for both patients and staff.

Wistaria & Milford Surgeries plan to undertake the following audits during the following year:

- Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit
- Minor Surgery outcomes audit
- Regular domestic Cleaning audits
- Annual Waste Audit

## Coronavirus (COVID 19)

The Practice COVID team continue to meet regularly and have done so since March 2020. This working group assessed, implemented and monitored plans and procedures for both their hot and cold sites.

The Practice adheres to all government guidelines regarding social distancing at work, use of PPE and safe handwashing techniques.

The working group updated patients regularly via e mail to those with permissions and to the wider community via the practice website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Practice staff continue to be updated after meetings and with newsletters, so all staff were aware of the changes happening within both surgery premises, regardless of their role or their usual place of work.

COVID management and how our patients access the practice is constantly evolving so the working group continues to meet at least weekly and update both patients and practice staff of changes for the forthcoming week.



## 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:

Annual infection Control Audit Risk assessment at both sites by Sister Sian Davies

Waste Audit for both sites by Sister Sian Davies

Regular IC meetings between Lead Nurse & Practice Manager

Legionella (Water) Risk Assessment: The water supply is monitored at six monthly intervals by Rebecca Higgins.

Immunisation: As a practice we ensure that all of our clinical 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. The practice has a policy which is reviewed annually to support this. During 2021 we have actively encouraged all staff regardless of their role to have full protection and have two COVID vaccinations.

Cleaning is outsourced to Two Counties Cleaning Company who regularly audit their staff and report any findings to the Practice Manager. The lead nurse (Sian Davies) and Two Counties regularly carry out cleaning audits at both sites throughout the year.

## Training

All staff receive hand washing training at induction and at practice away days using a UV light box and training in infection prevention and control. This training is face to face, all areas with sinks display hand washing techniques. Staff also receive appropriate training and use of PPEs (face to face).

Sister Sian Davies has undertaken specialist training in infection prevention and control on 30.9.21. Sian regularly attends the Infection Control Forum throughout the year.

Sian Davies (nurse lead) and Rachel Plumb (team leader) attended Local Medical Committee Training for Health & Safety and risk assessment monitoring on 26.6.19. Jan Lamont (Practice Manager) completed LMC Training for Health & Safety and risk assessment monitoring on 10.3.20.

Any ad-hoc training at Target or Practice Nurse Forum sessions relating to infection are disseminated at the bi-monthly joint nurse meetings.

**Policies** - All Infection Prevention and Control related policies are in date for this year:

- Cleanliness & Infection Control Policy
- W & M Coronavirus Policy
- Needle stick Injury Poster
- Infection Control Audit Sheets
- Two Counties Cleaning Check Lists
- Health & Safety Policy
- Guidance for Staff re Hep B and other vaccines
- Donning & Doffing of PPE

- Standard Operating Procedures for hot and cold sites

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 electronically 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.

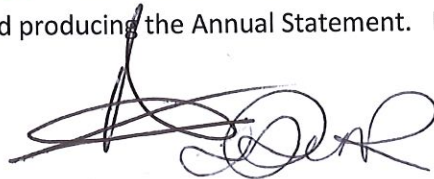
**Responsibility for Review** - The Infection Prevention and Control Lead and the Practice Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement. Review date May 2023.

**Dr Alice Mavrogordato's**

**Mrs Jan Lamont**

**Sister Sian Davies**

**For and on behalf of the Wistaria & Milford Surgeries**



**GP Partner**

**Practice Manager**

**Lead Nurse**