

INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT 2023

Purpose

The annual statement will be generated each year.
It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our Significant Event procedure)
- The annual infection control audit summary and actions undertake
- Control risk assessments undertake
- Details of staff training (both as part of induction and annual training) with regards to infection prevention & control
- Details of infection control advise to patient
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.

Background:

Wood Lane Medical Centre Lead for Infection Prevention/Control is Angela Haugh Nurse Practitioner

Wood Lane Medical Centre keep updated with infection prevention & control practices and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.

Significant events:

In the past 12 months) there have been no significant events that related to infection prevention & control.

Audits:

An Infection control audit is undertaken at regular intervals, to ensure the Surgery is kept clean and to minimise infection.

Risk Assessments:

Regular risk assessments are undertaken to minimise the risk of infection and to ensure the safety of patients and staff. The following risk assessments related to infection prevention & control has been completed in the past year and appropriate actions have been taken:

1. Provision and cleaning of toys. Due to flu being around winter 2018, all toys were removed from the surgery. During the summer season, toys are reinstated but no soft toys are available to limit infection control
2. Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH).
3. Disposal of clinical waste is tied via swan-necking and cable tie and collected every week. Clinical waste is stored in a unit to the rear of the building and in a locked storage box ready for collection by THH
4. Healthcare associated infections (HCAIs) and occupational infections no HAI have been reported – June 2019
5. Sharps injury No sharps injuries have been reported – June 2019
6. Use of personal protective clothing/equipment Gloves and aprons are available for use by staff
7. Risk of body fluid spills. Should a sample or blood be spilt there are spillage kits on site
8. Legionella risk assessment an assessment is carried out annually and water temperatures checked regularly

Staff training:

All new members of staff who have joined Wood Lane Medical Centre in the past 12-months have received infection control and hand-washing training.

84% of the Practice Clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training via Clarity, TeamNet.

90% of the Practice non-clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training via Clarity, TeamNet.

Infection Control Advice to Patients:

Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout the Surgery.

There are leaflets/posters available in the Surgery on:

- MRSA - Norovirus
- Chickenpox & shingles
- Influenza viruses and the need for the influenza vaccinations
- The importance of immunisations (e.g. in childhood and in preparation for overseas travel)
- Recognising symptoms of TB

Policies, procedures and guidelines.

Documents related to infection prevention & control are reviewed in line with national and local guidance changes and are updated 2-yearly (or sooner in the event on new guidance).