

Infection Control annual Statement 2016-2017

PURPOSE

In line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of practice on prevention and control of infection and its related guidance North Harbour Medical group is committed to ensuring that we provide High Infection Control Standards in conjunction with the Solent Community Infection Control team

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

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (Reported in accordance with our significant event procedure.
- Details of infection control audits undertaken and any subsequent actions taken as a result.
- Details of any infection control risk assessment undertaken and any subsequent actions taken as a result.
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.

INFECTION CONTROL LEAD

Practice nurse Sarah Konig is the practice lead for infection control at the North Harbour Medical group assisted by Practice nurse Sally Davies and Practice Manager Pauline Cook.

The Infection Control Lead will enable the integration of Infection Control principles into standards of care within the practice, by acting as a link between the surgery and Solent CCG Infection Control Team. They will be the first point of contact for practice staff in respect of Infection Control issues. They will help create and maintain an environment which will ensure the safety of the patient / client, carers, visitors and health care workers in relation to Healthcare Associated Infection (HCAI).

The Infection Control Lead will carry out the following within the practice:

- Increase awareness of Infection Control issues amongst staff and clients
- Help motivate colleagues to improve practice
- Improve local implementation of Infection Control policies
- Ensure that practice based Infection Control audits are undertaken
- Assist in the education of colleagues
- Help identify any Infection Control problems within the practice and work to resolve these, where necessary in conjunction with the local Infection Control Team
- Act as a role model within the practice
- Disseminate key Infection Control messages to their colleagues within the practice

An annual audit will be carried out by Nurse Sarah Konig in conjunction with Solent community infection control team with risk assessments as necessary.

AUDITS

The annual infection control audit of the Treatment Room was carried out in October 2016 by Ann Bishop of Solent CCG infection control team. We are delighted to say that the audit score is 94%, which is much improved from 2015.

The nursing team has put a great deal of effort into reaching and maintaining these high standards in the last 12 months.

The main findings of the audit which we were unable to quite reach are mainly cosmetic and due to ageing of the building which are beyond our control.

STAFF TRAINING

Nursing staff have just attended an infection control update given by Ann Bishop Infection Control community Lead.

An updated control policy has just been published with which all clinicians will be made aware of.

All staff are due to attend an Infection control talk held in-house at the end of March on our Target afternoon

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

There have been no significant events during this report period.