



The Downland Practice

INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT 2019-2020

Purpose

The annual statement will be generated each year in September
It will summarise:

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

Background:

The Downland Practice Lead for Infection Prevention /Control is Meryl Peckham Lead Practice Nurse who is supported by Robert Weir the Practice Manager

This team keep updated with infection prevention & control practices and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.

Significant events:

In the past year 2018-2019 there have been 3 significant events that related to infection prevention & control.

Audits:

An Infection control audit was undertaken in October 2018 by Meryl Peckham and the Practice Manager, this will be reviewed by the CCG Infection control nurse in October 2019 (Awaiting results as at 7 Oct 2019).

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 have been completed in the past year and appropriate actions have been taken:

- Provision and cleaning of toys
- Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH)

- Disposal of waste
- Healthcare associated infections (HCAIs) and occupational infections
- Minor surgery
- Sharps injury
- Use of personal protective clothing/equipment
- Risk of body fluid spills
- Legionella risk assessment

Staff training:

8 new staff joined the Downland Practice in the past 12-months and received infection control and hand-washing training within 6 months of employment. 100% of the Practice Clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training this consisted of formal training session for hand washing and or on-line training. 90% of the Practice non-clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training.

The Infection Control Leads attended training updates for their role provided by the Infection Prevention & Control Nurse for Berkshire West CCGs, this last took place on the 24 September 2019.

Infection Control Advice to Patients:

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

There are leaflets/posters available in the Downland Practice on:

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

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).