

Infection Control Annual Statement October 2023

This annual statement will be generated each year in October 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 undertaken
- 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:

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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, 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 was completed by Practice Manger and Link Nurse in Sept/October 2023. The practice also had an external inspection from the Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board Health Protection Team in November 2022.

As a result of the audit, the following things have been changed at Boutham Park Medical Practice.

- Handwash basin installed in cleaner's room.
- Change of light pull switches to waterproof wipeable ones.
- Replacement of chairs in upstairs waiting area for wipeable chairs
- On going building maintenance to ensure walls remain in good order and easily cleanable.

An audit on antibiotic prescribing has undertaken by Clinical Pharmacist [Yuen Say Toh](#) in March 2023 to ensure appropriate use of antibiotics for urinary tract infections in line with NICE national guidance. This information was disseminated to prescribers in the practice within clinical meetings and will be reaudited on an annual basis.

No infections were reported for patients who had had minor surgery at Boultham Park Medical Practice

An audit on hand washing was undertaken in October 2023. This was discussed at the staff meeting. The lightbox from ICB will be arranged for the next training in 2024.

Boultham Park Medical Practice plan to undertake the following audits in 2023

- Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit
- Antibiotic use in Urinary Tract Infection audit
- Domestic Cleaning audit
- Hand hygiene audit

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:

Legionella (Water) Risk Assessment: The practice has conducted/reviewed its water safety risk assessment to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors, or staff. This is overseen by Neil Hewson Practice Business Manager.

Immunisation: As a practice we ensure that all of our 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 care home visits to our patient population.

Curtains: The NHS Cleaning Specifications state the curtains should be cleaned or if using disposable curtains, replaced every 6 months in rooms that invasive procedures take place. To this effect we use disposable curtains and ensure they are changed every 6 months in the nurses' rooms. The modesty curtains although handled by clinicians are never handled by patients and clinicians have been reminded to always remove gloves and clean hands after an examination and before touching the curtains. All curtains are regularly reviewed and changed if visibly soiled

To avoid risk of infection with toys in waiting rooms the practice has removed all toys from waiting areas and clinic rooms. Parents are welcome to bring toys in for their child while attending an appointment.

Cleaning specifications, frequencies, and cleanliness: We also have a cleaning specification and frequency policy which our cleaners and staff work to. We are working towards instigating the National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness 2021 auditing processes. This includes all aspects in the surgery including cleanliness of equipment.

Training

- All our staff receive annual training in infection prevention and control
- All clinical and non-clinical staff have completed NHS England eLearning for health modules appropriate for their role in infection control.
- Clinical staff discuss aspects of infection control in team meeting,
- IC nurse attends quarterly IPC Link Practice Nurse forums organised by ICB and will access further training is available locally.

Policies

All Infection Prevention and Control related policies are in date for this year. 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 amongst staff for reading and discussed at meetings on an annual basis.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all staff to be familiar with this Statement and their roles and responsibilities under this.

Review date

October 2024

Responsibility for Review

The Infection Prevention and Control Lead is responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement.

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For and on behalf of Boutham Park Medical Practice