

WIDCOMBE SURGERY

INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 2020

Purpose

This annual statement is generated each year in January and summarises the work we have done throughout the year to promote best practice in infection Prevention and Control in Widcombe Surgery to ensure we deliver safe and effective care.

This statement summarises

1. Infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in line with our Significant Event Procedure)
2. Details of any infection control audits undertaken and actions taken
3. Details of staff training
4. Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Background

Widcombe Surgery has two leads for Infection, Prevention and Control

Elaine Smith, Practice Manager
Sister Cathy Reynolds, Practice Nurse

Significant Events

There were no significant events in 2019 in relation to Infection Prevention and Control.

Audits

Audits completed in the last year include: Quality Improvement Annual Audit, Clinical Rooms Audits – couches, curtains, sharps and disposal of clinical waste containers, Vaccine storage and management stock taking of Vaccine Fridges, Hand Hygiene.

As a result of the Quality Improvement Audit, and linked to a major flood within the practice in the summer of 2019, the staff rooms and some residual areas link to those rooms were repainted. Renewal of signage in all rooms was undertaken and a thinning down/tidying up of all surgery boards. A series of new signage holders were installed throughout the building. A redesign of the Reception area was undertaken with new containers/filing trays boxes for storage. A new fridge was purchased in Dec 2019 and relocated out of a clinical room. We have carried out a risk assessment of our infection control monitoring of the clinical rooms and changed the procedure from a tick sheet system that wasn't meaningful, to a monthly spot check audit of individual rooms.

BEMS completed a comprehensive annual Infection Control Audit of the Surgery in December 2019 – as part of their contract with us to run Improved Access from our premises. A copy of the audit is available on our system – very few minor improvements were required.

Staff Training

All non-clinical staff have completed the Skills for Health Training modules in 2019. All new staff (four) have received handwashing training from Sister Reynolds. Clinical staff have completed annual refresher training in Infection Control and Prevention via an online course.

Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.

Our IPC and cleaning policies are reviewed annually – around October each year.

The main policies for IPC below are formally reviewed annually, however all are amended on an ongoing basis as current advice changes or the need arises.

Widcombe Infection Control Policy
Widcombe Disposable Instruments Policy
Policy for Disposal of Sharps
Policy for Handling Specimens
Widcombe Waste Management Protocol
Widcombe Decontamination Policy
Infection Control Procedures for Couches
Isolation of Patients Policy
Treat Room Protocol
Policy for Needlestick Contamination
Spillages Policy

Distribution: Noticeboards in waiting room, staff room and practice website.