Infection Control Annual Statement

Purpose

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

- 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
- Details of infection control advice to patients
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead

Mansfield Park Surgery has 1 Lead for Infection Prevention and Control: Michelle Bunce (Practice Manager)

The IPC Lead is supported by: Julie Elton (Practice Nurse Assistant)

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 in the 3 monthly practice meetings and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff. These are now reported on-line on Datix.

In the past year there have been **0** significant events raised related to infection control.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

The Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit was completed by Vivienne O'Connor, Lead for Infection Prevention & Control and Primary Care Quality, NHS Hampshire, Southampton & Isle of Wight CCG and Michelle Bunce, Practice Manager on 8 July 2021.

As a result of the audit, the following things have been changed in Mansfield Park Surgery:

- Surgery improvements and de-cluttering of rooms completed.
- Mop head cleaning schedule in situ.
- Yellow clinell wipes replaced with green clinell wipes for cleaning of equipment.
- All clinical waste bags labelled before disposal.
- Anaphylaxis kits removed from both treatment rooms and stored centrally in the dispensary.
- A new infection control training induction program has been implemented.

An audit on Waste Management was undertaken on 3 August 2021. As a result of the audit, the following things have been changed:

- Waste Management e-learning training is provided to every new staff member. Thereafter, all staff receive refresher e-learning training annually.
- All clinical rooms have foot operated, black general waste bins.
- All treatment room clinical waste bags have been changed to orange bags.

Mansfield Park Surgery plan to undertake the following audits in 2022:

- Hand hygiene audit
- Infection control audit
- Environmental Cleanliness audit
- Waste 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
- Fire Risk assessment
- Health and Safety risk assessment

Training

All clinical and non-clinical staff complete infection control e-learning biennially.

Michelle Bunce attended virtual updates in May and July 2022 provided by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB and completed her e-learning module on 22 June 2021.

Infection Control Advice to Patients

Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout the surgery and wear face coverings (if not exempt).

There are leaflets/posters available on:

- Measles
- Seasonal influenza/Covid booster

Policies, procedures and guidelines

Documents relating to Infection Prevention and Control are reviewed in line with national and local guidance changes and updated biennially (or sooner in the event of new guidance) and available to all staff.

Review date

August 2023