

CHARNWOOD SURGERY

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Infection Control annual Statement 2017-18

Our aim is to keep a clean and tidy surgery, to promote a safe environment for staff, patients and visitors in accordance with national and local guidelines.

Purpose:

The annual statement will be generated each year and will summarise:

- Details of any infection transmission incidents and action taken (as reported in accordance with our significant event procedure).
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken and action taken.
- Details of any infection control risk assessments undertaken.
- Staff training
- Review and update of policies/procedures/guidelines which may be required.

Background:

The infection control lead is Dr. T. Darji, supported by our Practice Nurse Manda Patel and Kerry Ryan our Practice Manager.

Knowledge, information and any updates are shared with all staff.

Training:

The Practice Nurse attended the Infection, Prevention and Control workshop in May 2016. Following this a review of all policies and procedure has taken place.

All staff have undertaken an update course on infection control using the Blue Stream e-learning service and completing either the clinical or non-clinical module dependant on their role and responsibility.

All staff attended a training event on the Cold Chain Policy and Procedure, presented by a member of the Public Health Immunisation Team, in July 2017.

Significant Events:

No significant events have been recorded and resolved in the year 2017-18.

Audits:

1. Infection Prevent and Control

In May 2017 an Infection Prevention and Control in General Practice audit was completed by Manda Patel and Kerry Ryan. All areas were found to be compliant at the time of audit and no infections were reported.

A handwashing audit was carried out by Dr. Darji to all staff in September 2017.

2. Cleaning specifications, frequencies and cleanliness of equipment:

A cleaning audit is conducted monthly, some minor inadequacies were identified and have now been rectified.

3. Legionella

A legionella risk assessment has been completed in December 2013 and reviewed December 2016. Charnwood Surgery has a hot water supply provided by a wall mounted combi-boiler, thus has no water storage tank in the premises and vastly reduces the risk of legionella bacteria settling in the water system.

Monthly checks are carried out to monitor the hot and cold water temperatures.

Policies/Procedures/Guidelines:

All policies have been reviewed and updated annually if appropriate. This is on-going and amendments will be made as current advice changes.

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