

Infection Control Annual Statement - 2024

Guildhall Surgery

This annual statement is generated each year 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
- 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 at Guildhall Surgery :-

- Jodie Hammond Lead Practice Nurse.
- Jodie Hammond has attended an IPC Lead training course in and keeps updated on infection prevention practice.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions:-

- The Annual Infection Prevention Audit for Primary Care with Minor surgery (ICAT) was completed by Jodie Hammond and Sue Green on 16 February 2024.
- As a result of the audit, further building and room improvements will be carried out to improve our compliance.

The surgery plan to undertake the following audits in 2024:-

- Annual Infection Prevention and Control
- Cleaning
- Hand hygiene
- Monthly FR2 - Clinical Rooms 3B & 5
- Quarterly FR4 – Clinical Rooms 1, 2, 3A, 4, 6 & 7 & Rest Rooms
- Six monthly FR5 – Patient areas
- Yearly FR6 audit – All other areas
- Clinical Waste
- Sharps bin
- COSHH
- Cold chain
- Legionella

Risk Assessments:- Risk assessments are carried out and reviewed at regular intervals.

Legionella (Water) Risk Assessment:- The practice employs an external company to test the water annually and review the risk assessment bi-annually to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors, or staff. Review of Risk Assessment due Aug 2024.

Immunisation: As a practice we ensure that all 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 and Covid vaccinations). We take part in the National Immunisation campaigns for patients and offer vaccinations in house and via 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. To this effect we use disposable curtains and ensure they are changed every 6 months. 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.

Cleaning specifications, frequencies, and cleanliness: We have a cleaning specification and frequency policy which our cleaners and staff work to. An assessment of cleanliness is conducted by the cleaning team and logged. This includes all aspects in the surgery including cleanliness of equipment.

Hand washing sinks: The practice has hand washing sinks in every clinical room for staff to use.

Training:

- Clinical and non-clinical staff complete Infection Prevention and Control e-learning on induction
- Our staff receive annual training in infection prevention and control
- IPC lead should attend quarterly IPC Lead Practice Nurse forums organised by ICB 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 are amended on an on-going basis when current advice, guidance and legislation changes. Infection Control policies are circulated amongst staff for reading and discussion.

Responsibility:

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

Review date:

February 2024

Responsibility for Review:

The Infection Prevention and Control Lead Jodie Hammond is responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement for and on behalf of the Guildhall Surgery.