

Infection Prevention and Control Annual Statement 2016

Purpose: This annual statement will be generated each year in July; 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 control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Background: Nurse Lucy Cooper is our Infection Control Lead, supported by Paige Ingram, Administration Manager. This team ensures that Infection Prevention and Control policies and procedures are updated regularly and cascade new information to the rest of the practice team.

Significant Events: In the past year (01.07.15 – 01.07.16) there have been no significant events raised related to Infection Prevention and Control.

Audits: An Infection Prevention and Control in General Practice audit was undertaken in February 2016. The results to be discussed at staff feedback session.

Risk Assessments: Risk assessments are carried out routinely to ensure best practice can be established and followed.

Cleaning Specifications, Frequencies & Cleanliness of Equipment: We use disposable, single use, medical equipment for all procedures. The cleaning contractors are to be reviewed and new policies to be introduced.

Toys, Books & Magazines: The cleaning of toys forms part of the daily cleaning schedule undertaken by our cleaners. We do not provide books or magazines in waiting areas.

Curtains: The surgery has various blinds both at the windows and in the consulting rooms. Blinds are cleaned as per our contract cleaning specification. Modesty curtains in treatment rooms are replaced every 6 months and are recyclable.

Staff Training: Staff induction includes Infection Control, following this there are yearly demonstrations on hand washing and use of alcohol gels for all team members. Online training for all team members in infection control is mandatory. Feedback from audit cascaded to team to highlight any issues.

Policies, Procedures & Guidelines: Our Infection Prevention and Control Policy is regularly reviewed. Guidance is taken from a variety of sources including the Health and Social Care Act of 2008, The Guildford & Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group, The Department of Health and from the Infection Control Lead for Public Health at Surrey County Council.