

INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT 2016/2017

Purpose

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

- Any infection transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our Significant Event procedure.
- The annual infection control audit summary and actions undertaken
- Control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training (both as part of induction and annual training) with regards to infection prevention & control
- Details of infection control advice to patients
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.

Background:

Baltimore Park Surgery Lead for Infection Prevention /Control is Madeleine Farmar who is supported by Eiliis McCarthy, Practice Manager

This team keep updated with infection prevention & control practices and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.

Significant events:

In the past year November 2016 – November 2017 there have been 5 significant events that related to infection prevention & control.

Audits:

Infection Control Audit was performed by Michaela Hopper and Madeleine Farmar. Action Plan of work attached.

Risk Assessments:

Regular risk assessments are undertaken to minimise the risk of infection and to ensure the safety of patients and staff. The following risk assessments related to infection prevention and control have been completed in the past year and appropriate actions have been taken:

- Provision and cleaning of toys
- Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH)
- Disposal of waste
- Healthcare associated infections (HCAIs) and occupational infections
- Sharps injury
- Risk of body fluid spills

Staff training:

4 new staff joined this Balmore Park Surgery in the past 12-months and received infection control and hand-washing training within 1 months of employment.

100% of the Practice Clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training online.

60% of the Practice non-clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training.

The Infection Control Leads attended training updates in February for their role provided by Michaela Hooper (the Infection Prevention & Control Nurse for Berkshire West CCGs).

Infection Control Advice to Patients:

Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout the Medical Centre/Surgery.

There are leaflets/posters, on screen information available in Balmore Park Surgery on:

- Influenza
- Chickenpox & shingles
- The importance of immunisations (e.g. in childhood and in preparation for overseas travel)

Policies, procedures and guidelines.

Documents related to infection prevention & control are reviewed in line with national and local guidance changes and are updated 2-yearly (or sooner in the event on new guidance).