

Infection Control Annual Statement Report

Riverside Medical Practice

08/12/2022

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in November 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. The report will be published on the practice website and will include the following summary:

- 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 the prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) lead

The lead for infection prevention and control at Riverside Medical Practice is Kerry Brown – Lead Nurse.

The IPC lead is supported by the Practice Manager and Business Partner(s)

a. Infection transmission incidents (significant events)

There were no significant events relating to IPC in the previous 12 months.

b. Infection prevention audit and actions

Internal cleaning audits are undertaken on a monthly basis, with a full annual audit undertaken which looks at infection rates and cleaning audits and recommends actions accordingly.

c. Risk assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that any risk is minimised to be as low as reasonably practicable. Additionally, a risk assessment that can identify best practices can be established and then followed.

In the last year, the following risk assessments were carried out/reviewed:

- COVID19
- General IPC risks
- Staffing, new joiners, and ongoing training

- COSHH
- Cleaning standards
- Curtain cleaning or changes
- Staff vaccinations
- Infrastructure changes
- Sharps
- Water Safety
- Assistance dogs

d. Audits

Hand Hygiene & Aseptic Technique

An annual hand hygiene audit was conducted on all staff in May and November 2022. We also have a risk assessment tool for infection control which we complete annually.

Invasive Procedure Audit

An annual audit of all invasive procedures was undertaken in April 2022 these included procedures such as Minor Surgeries, Coils & Implants as well as cervical cytology. No issues or areas of concern were reported following invasive procedures.

Cleaning Audit

A monthly audit is undertaken by Vanguard Cleaning with spot checks undertaken by the Compliance Manager.

A clinical Waste Audit was undertaken. Following on from last year's outcomes tiger striped bags are now in use for the disposal of nappies

Uniform Audit was carried out by the Lead Nurse. The audit did not identify any concerns, clinicians are currently wearing scrubs or Uniforms as part of COVID-19 safeguards, and appropriate PPE is being utilised accordingly.

Training

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Riverside Medical Practice all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receives refresher training annually.

e. Policies and procedures

The infection prevention and control-related policies and procedures that have been updated or reviewed in the last year include, but are not limited, to:

- Cleaning and decontamination of Surfaces
- Clinical Waste Protocol
- Cold Chaim Policy
- Handy Hygiene Policy
- Infection Prevention & Control Policy

- Needle Stick Injuries Policy.
- Accident Reporting Policy
- Uniform Policy
- Immunisation Policy

Policies relating to infection prevention and control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually. Additionally, all policies are amended on an ongoing basis as per current advice, guidance, and legislation changes.

f. Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all staff members at Riverside Medical Practice to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

g. Review

The IPC lead, Practice Manager, and Business Partner(s) are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before December 2023

Signed by



Kerry Brown (IPC Lead)
For and on behalf of Riverside Medical Practice