

East Cowes Medical Centre

Infection Control Annual Statement

We have a modern purpose built surgery and aim to keep it clean and deliver care in an environment which is safe for our patients and staff.

Purpose:

In line with The Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice , every February we generate this annual statement which summarises :

- Any infection transmission incidents which get reported and discussed as per significant event procedure and action plans agreed.
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken for prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training.

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead:

East Cowes Medical Centre has a Lead GP, Dr S. Jinka, and a Practice Nurse, Chris Wheeler, for Infection Prevention and Control.

Infection Transmission Incidents (Significant Events)

There has been no significant events raised in relation to infection control in last year.

We have regular clinical meetings which involve significant event analysis and all good practice as well challenging events are discussed in details to log learning from them and develop action plans for any improvements needed .

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

Infection Prevention and Control audits were completed in February 2019 by Chris Wheeler.

As a result of the audits, the following things have been changed:

- Improved hand hygiene training for all staff.
- Increased audits of all clinical areas.
- New cleaning specification created for TopMops contract.
- Protected time for post clinic decontamination provided.
- Access to infection control e-learning given to all staff to undertake e-learning.
- All clinical staff to receive sepsis Update.
- All staff to be provided infection control training

The Practice plan to undertake the following audits in 2019/20

- Infection Prevention and Control audit – Annually or as required
- Domestic Cleaning audit – Every month
- 6 monthly Hand Hygiene & sepsis audits.

Risk Assessments

We carry out regular risk assessment to ensure safe practice within the surgery and in this direction over last year we have carried out the following:

- Legionella (water) Risk Assessment: We have conducted searches to ensure that the water supply poses no risk to patients, visitors or staff.
- We participate in National Immunisation campaigns for patients and offer vaccinations both in house and via home visits including the care homes.
- We ensure our staff is up to date with the occupational vaccines as needed for their role.
- We ensure our waiting rooms areas including surfaces and toys are kept clean and reviewed regularly.
- The rooms are regularly inspected and audited in order to ensure thorough cleaning and replace any items needed to provide safe clean consulting rooms.
- Hand washing sinks are provided in every room and make sure soap, hand gels and paper towel dispensers are available as needed.
- As per the NHS Cleaning Specifications the curtains we use are disposable and replaced every 6 months.

Training

All our staff receives annual training in infection prevention and control via e-learning. All our clinical staff have had a in house sepsis training .

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 all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes. Infection Control policies are linked to our Practice Policies Index which can be viewed by all staff at any time.

Responsibility

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

Review

Feb 2020

Responsibility for Review

The Infection Prevention and Control Lead and the Practice Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement.

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For and on behalf of East Cowes Medical Centre