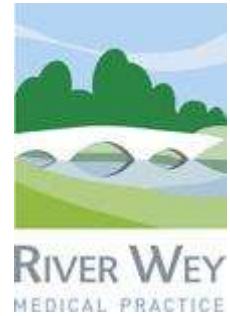


Infection Control Annual Statement



River Wey Medical Practice

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*. It summarises:

- 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 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 River Wey Medical Practice's Lead for Infection Prevention and Control is Sister Helen Last with her Deputy, Sister Rachel Sutton.

The IPC Lead is supported by Dr Ishmail as the lead GP Partner and the Practice Manager

Sister Helen Last has attended an IPC Leads Forums held by the Infection Prevention Lead for North East Hampshire & Farnham CCG in September 2019. Both Sister Last and Sister Sutton keep updated on infection prevention practice.

Infection transmission incidents (Significant Events)

Significant events (which may involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events) are investigated in detail to see what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements. All significant events are reviewed quarterly in the partners and or clinical meetings and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff.

In the past year there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

The Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit was completed by Sister Helen Last and Viv O'Connor IPC lead for North East Hants and Farnham CCG

As a result of the audit, the following things have been changed in the River Wey Medical Practice;

- Clinical Waste bins and bags updated in line with local guidelines
- Updated local contacts for infection prevention control and advice, available to clinicians in consulting rooms.
- Continuing programme of recovering furniture in impermeable and washable material
- Meeting held with practice cleaning contractors to ensure cleaning standards are adhered to
- Detailed equipment cleaning schedules in every consulting room
- Practice has changed to using single use tourniquets
- Log book now being maintained for cold chain purposes of receipt, quantity, date and time of vaccine deliveries

An audit on Minor Surgery was undertaken by Anne Green in September 2019

One infection was reported which involves 1.5 % of patients who had had minor surgery at the River Wey Medical Practice

As a result of the audit, the following changes have been made.

- Prophylactic antibiotics are given if concerns regarding skin healing due to the size or location of the incision

An audit on hand washing was undertaken by Sister Helen Last in August 2019. All staff were compliant in hand washing and hand hygiene.

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

- Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit
- Minor Surgery outcomes audit
- Joint Injection outcomes audit
- Domestic Cleaning audit
- Environmental audit
- Hand hygiene audit

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. In the last year the following risk assessments were carried out / reviewed:

Legionella (Water) Risk Assessment: The practice is based in Farnham Centre for health and landlords conduct /review water safety risk assessments to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors or staff.

Immunisation: As a practice we ensure that all of 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). We take part in the National Immunisation campaigns for patients and offer vaccinations in house and via home visits to our houseboundpatient population.

Curtains: The NHS Cleaning Specifications state the curtains should be cleaned every 6 months. To this effect we have a cleaning schedule which ensures this is carried out. All curtains are regularly reviewed and changed if visibly soiled.

Window Blinds: these are very low risk. They require regular vacuuming to prevent build-up of dust and are cleaned by our external cleaning company every 6 months.

Toys: NHS Cleaning Specifications recommend that all toys are cleaned regularly and we therefore provide only wipeable toys in waiting / consultation rooms. There is a cleaning log maintained by our reception team who clean the toys daily.

Hand washing sinks: The practice has clinical hand washing sinks in every room for staff to use. Some of our sinks do not meet the latest standards for sinks but we have removed plugs, covered overflows and reminded staff to turn of taps that are not 'hands free' with paper towels to keep patients safe.

Clinical rooms have liquid soap with wall mounted dispensers to ensure cleanliness

We also have a cleaning specification and frequency policy which our cleaners and staff work to.

Staff are responsible for cleaning equipment in their rooms and logging that this has been done.

Any posters displayed in clinical consulting rooms are laminated.

Training

All our staff are required to undertake training in infection prevention and control as part of their induction. Clinical staff are required to update this on a yearly basis, as either face to face or online training.

All staff receive training updates from Sister Helen Last in infection prevention and control, at the time of the yearly hand washing audit. This includes when to use liquid soap and when to use hand washing gel, importance of the staff immunisation programme and receiving of samples . The wearing of nail varnish had been an issue in previous years but all clinical staff were complaint in not wearing nail varnish in 2019.

Dr Ishmail Boakye-Acheampong has undertaken specialist training in minor surgery and joint injection infection prevention and control.

Sister Helen Last, our infection prevention control lead, attends regular IPC forums three times a year. Information and updates from these forums is shared with staff via our practice intranet.

Infection prevention and control has also been included on the nurses agenda at North East Hants and Farnham Target days in 2018-19

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. All are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes. Infection Control policies are available to staff and are stored on the practice O Drive.

Responsibility

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

Review date

6th September 2019

Responsibility for Review

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

Sister Helen Last Senior Nurse

Dr Ishmail Boakye-Acheampong GP Partner

Anne Green Practice Manager

For and on behalf of the River Wey Medical Practice