**Infection Control Annual Statement 20/02/24**

**Aim**

* Provide and maintain a clean and tidy surgery
* Prevent and control the risk of the acquisition of an infection in all our activities
* Promote a safe environment for all patients, staff, users, visitors and the public

**Purpose**

The Annual Statement will be generated each year in January. It will summarise: -

* Details of any infection control audits undertaken, and actions taken
* Significant events relating to infection control and subsequent action plan
* Details of any infection control risk assessments undertaken, and actions taken
* Review of training, policies, procedures, and guidelines

**Background**

* The IPC lead is Julia Hawkhead (JH) (Practice Nurse)
* The Practice Manager Kay Harvey (KH) oversees compliance

**Significant Events**

There have not been any significant events relating to infection control during the past year.

**Audit**

The Surgery follows the National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness guidelines 2021. JH completed a technical audit of the surgery 16/1/24. The general standard of cleanliness was variable with dust accumulation on the skirting boards and in the room corners. There was a large amount of clutter in some of the rooms that was hampering the cleaner's ability to clean effectively. This has now been removed. The cleaning and facilities management is provided by Leeds City Council. MH arranged a deep clean for the surgery which was completed February 9th and 10th so that we can now achieve these national standards. JH is working with the cleaner and all staff members of the surgery to ensure that these standards are maintained. KH liases with Leeds City Council to ensure that the cleaner has the training and support that she needs and that these standards are maintained. It is hard for KH to develop an effective relationship with the council because the managers change regularly. The surgery will be audited again by JH in April. All staff complete an infection control induction in person with JH and online when they commence employment at the surgery. At Target today all staff have completed an annual handwashing assessment completed by JH. Ruth Turnpenny (PN) has also assessed JH handwashing technique. JH will assess all members of staff absent today during the next month.

**Policies, Procedures and Guidelines**

Policies relating to Infection control are reviewed and updated every 3 years. However, all policies are amended on an on-going basis as current advice changes. All infection control policies were updated in January 2024.

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