

INFECTION CONTROL STATEMENT 2015

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PURPOSE

The annual statement will be generated each year. 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 and actions undertaken
- Control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training
- Details of infection control advice to patients
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

BACKGROUND

Lead for Infection Prevention and Control at Holsworthy Medical Centre is Senior Nurse, Jane Rusden. She completed the two-day Infection Prevention and Control Link Practitioner and Lead course 2013 and has recently attended a one-day update in Infection, Prevention and Control from which she has implemented some changes.

Holsworthy Medical Centre ensures compliance with 'The Code of Practice for the Prevention and Control of Infection and Related Guidance (Hygiene Code) DOH 2010.

This team will keep updated on infection and control and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

The practice has regular quarterly meetings whereby any significant or critical events are discussed. In the past year there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

AUDITS

- An audit was carried out in July 2015 using ICAT audit tool of all clinical areas, It identified the need for more regular staff training and the staff induction protocol has been updated.
- A Waste Management audit in October 2015 has identified some training needs.
- The infection control policy and procedures statement is currently being updated. Patients will be notified of any seasonal outbreaks of infections via the practice overhead message board and on the home page of the practice website.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

Regular risk assessments are undertaken and changes made if required. We aim to use single-use equipment throughout the surgery wherever possible. All clinical areas now have blinds on the windows and there are disposable curtains around the couches.

STAFF TRAINING

All staff have completed on-line training on Infection Control and we intend to have regular updates at our monthly staff meetings.

PATIENTS

Patients who may have an infection are encouraged to stay at home if possible and have a telephone consultation with their GP. If attending the surgery they are seen in a designated consultation room, rather than the main waiting room. This is documented and then thoroughly cleaned by nursing staff once vacated.

Patients who require wound dressings and are known to be patients with MRSA are seen at the end of surgery so the room can be thoroughly cleaned afterwards. There have been no reported cases of MRSA acquired in the practice to date.

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Next scheduled update: November 2016