



GREENWAY COMMUNITY PRACTICE

Infection Control Annual statement 2019-20

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year. It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been recorded in accordance with our Significant Event procedure)
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken and actions taken.
- Details of any infection control risk assessments undertaken.
- Details of staff training.
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Background

Greenway Community Practice has an Infection Prevention + Control Team (IP+C), comprising
Mrs Alison Garrod – Quality Lead and Lead for Infection Control
Mrs Julie Prior – Practice Nurse
Dr James Cross – GP
Mrs Kate Barnes – Practice Manager

Alison Garrod attended bi-monthly Infection Control BCH LINK practioners Meetings until 31/3/20 reporting back with relevant information to a monthly Operational Group Meeting or a monthly Nurses meeting.

Regular Nurses meetings highlight the need for continuing good clinical practice in the prevention of infection at Greenway Community Practice

Significant Events

There has been 1 incidents involving IP+C issues in the last 12 months.

1. Needle stick injury – Occurred at the end of annual Flu Day. Clinician involved followed the correct protocol. Occupational Health advise was followed and both Clinician and patient needed no further follow up

The incident was discussed at a minuted Significant Event Meeting with the whole practice team, and training and actions implemented as shown.



Audits

Two whole practice Infection Control Audits have been undertaken in the last 12 months, both by Julie Prior and Alison Garrod. No infection transmission incidents were recorded. A number of areas were identified as needing improvements.

- Keeping clinical work surfaces as clear as possible
- Ensuring sharps bins in rooms are in the closed position when no clinician in the room.
- Evidence of hand towels in orange bin bags – these should be in clear bags

Annual audits take place where activity and procedure are looked at for

Hand Hygiene
Personal Protective Equipment usage
Clinical Room suitability and cleanliness
Sharps Handling
Specimen Handling
Medical Devices
Waste Handling and Disposal

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. In the past year a number of risk assessments have been carried out. These include

Urine Testing
Modesty curtains in clinicians rooms
Toys in clinicians rooms
Venepuncture for the patient
Venepuncture for the phlebotomist
Giving immunisations/injections

Staff Training

In the last year, Infection Control courses attended or completed by staff are as follows

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| Alison Garrod | Bi monthly Link Practitioner meetings Infection Control Update June 2019 (provided via LMC) |
| Julie Prior | Infection Control Update May 2019 (provided via LMC) |



Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

All policies are regularly formally reviewed, however all are amended on an ongoing basis as current advice changes, or need arises.

The following policies/protocols are currently in place

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| Cleaning Plan | last updated October 2019 |
| Clinical Waste Protocol (incl sharps) | last updated May 2019 |
| Infection Control Policy | last updated December 2019 |
| Laundering of linen | last updated February 2020 |
| Personal Protective Equipment | last updated December 2019 |
| Contagious Illness Policy | last updated March 2020 |
| Hand Hygiene Policy | last updated January 2020 |
| Needlestick Injuries | last updated February 2020 |
| Specimen Handling | last updated January 2020 |
| Disposable Instrument Usage | last updated December 2019 |
| Patient Isolation Policy | last updated January 2020 |
| Health and Social care Act 2008 Code of Practice on Prevention and Control of Infection | |

This Infection Control Statement covers the 12 months April 2019 to March 2020

We have developed separate policies, procedures and guidelines for the COVID-19 global pandemic

