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Infection Prevention and Control Mission Statement

At Clifton Medical Centre and Wickersley Health Centre we take hygiene, infection prevention and control very seriously. The safety and well being of our patients, carers, and visitors is very important to us. To protect you and your family, and to ensure a safe working environment for our staff, our infection prevention procedures are evidence based, using best practice guidelines. This means that there are strict measures in place to ensure that your risks of getting an infection are minimised as far as possible.

Our infection prevention and control measures aim to protect patients, visitors and staff from acquiring an infection and to control infection transmission when it is identified. It is the aim of our practice to provide a healthy and safe high quality healthcare to all our patients.

We aim to promote an ethos of identifying and reducing the risk of acquiring and transmitting infection by education of staff, provision of clinical advice and information to patients and carers, and first class environmental hygiene. This will be accomplished in an efficient and cost effective manner by a continual assessment and regular audits of our procedures and environment and modification of our services based on regulations, standards, scientific studies, internal evaluation and guidelines.

We feel that preventing infection is everybody's responsibility. Hand washing is the single most important factor in the prevention of the infection and enforces good hygiene. We ask that you respect the hand washing signs throughout the surgeries. All members of staff decontaminate their hands before and after caring for you by hand washing or using an alcohol based cleanser. If you are worried that we might have forgotten, it is ok to remind us.

The table below is the 'Code of Practice' for all providers of healthcare and adult social care on the prevention of infections under The Health and Social Care Act 2008. This sets out the 10 criteria against which a registered provider will be judged on how it complies with the registration requirements related to infection prevention. At Clifton Medical Centre and Wickersley Health Centre we constantly strive to meet The Health and Social Care Act, 2008 Code of Practice 10 criteria standards.

COMPLIANCE CRITERION	WHAT THE REGISTERED PROVIDER WILL NEED TO DEMONSTRATE
1	Systems to manage and monitor the prevention and control of infection. These systems use risk assessments and consider the susceptibility of service users and any risks that their environment and other users may pose to them.
2	Provide and maintain a clean and appropriate environment in managed premises that facilitates the prevention and control of infections.
3	Ensure appropriate antimicrobial use to optimise patient outcomes and to reduce the risk of adverse events and antimicrobial resistance.
4	Provide suitable accurate information on infections to service users, their visitors and any person concerned with providing further support or nursing/ medical care in a timely fashion.
5	Ensure prompt identification of people who have or are at risk of developing an infection so that they receive timely and appropriate treatment to reduce the risk of transmitting infection to other people.
6	Systems to ensure that all care workers (including contractors and volunteers) are aware of and discharge their responsibilities in the process of preventing and controlling infection.
7	Provide or secure adequate isolation facilities.
8	Secure adequate access to laboratory support as appropriate.
9	Have and adhere to policies, designed for the individual's care and provider organisations that will help to prevent and control infections.
10	Providers have a system in place to manage the occupational health needs and obligations of staff in relation to infection.

Together, we welcome your help on keeping you safe.

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