**Alastair Ross Medical Practice**

**Infection Control Annual Statement 2023-2024**

**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 any staff training
* Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

**Infection Prevent and Control (IPC) Lead**

*IPC Lead – Katie Jones (Lead Practice Nurse)*

*Support – Aysha Badat (Advanced Clinical Practitioner); Louise Beswick (Assistant Practitioner)*

**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 in the monthly Clinical Meetings and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff.

There has been no significant events in relation to IPC in the last year.

**Infection Prevention Audit and Actions**

Method: Infection Control audits are carried out on a monthly basis, by use of a robust organisation checklist.

Findings: IPC Audits are compared to national and organisation gold standards.

Feedback: Areas of concerns and identified issues through IPC audits are relayed to the IPC Lead to discuss with the Practice Manager and in Clinical Meetings to initiate an appropriate action plan.

Action of change: Agreed action of change is implemented.

Audits include:

* Hand hygiene
* Sharps handling and disposal
* Environment including checking of cleanliness
* Cleaning of equipment
* Cold chain monitoring

This year as part of ongoing IPC plans, the surgery chairs including chair in the waiting room, have all been upholstered and replaced with appropriate material in line with IPC standards. Wall cracks in PN room have been repaired and re-painted. To protect environment, wall impact protectors have been fitted to corridor walls. In addition, the ‘Door Release’ (Green Button) have been replaced with a contactless sensor to release the doors.

**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 and reviewed:

* New IPC Lead and Lead Practice Nurse joined the surgery. She has been updated on the surgery infection control policies
* Spirometry (lung function test) resumed by the surgery in line with the ARTP infection control measures, initiating the use of bacterial/viral spirometry filtered mouthpiece for the patients, and FFP3 Masks for the clinicians. The lung function test is allocated at the end of the day to allow airing of the room following assessment, in line with IPC standards of procedure.
* A national audit tool was used for IPC inspection completed by the IPC Leads from the Royal Bolton Hospital on 16th March 2022.

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| **Topic Area** | **RAG %** |
| 1.Management of infection | **100** |
| 2. Staff Health | **100** |
| 3. Environment | **100** |
| 4. Hand Hygiene | **100** |
| 5. Personal protective equipment | **100** |
| 6. Bllod spills | **100** |
| 7. Safe management of sharps | **100** |
| 8. Waste management | **100** |
| 9. Management of Spesimens | **100** |
| 10. Decontamination Medical devices | **100** |
| 11. Clinical rooms | **100** |
| 12. Minor surgery rooms | **100** |
| 13. Vaccine Storage | **100** |
| 14. Notification infectious diseases | **100** |
| **Overall Score** | **100** |

* The External IPC Audit (RBH) is reviewed 2-yearly and is next due in March 2024.

**Training**

All clinical and non-clinical staff complete an annual infection control training update as an online e-learning module with Bluestream Academy.

Katie Jones (IPC Lead) is due to complete an IPC Course to support her role as an IPC Lead, which will be completed on the 16th November 2023.

**Policies**

All Infection Prevent and Control related policies are in date for this year. Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are reviewed and updated annually, and any immediate and necessary concerns, are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes. Infection Control policies are available to all staff on our electronic shared drive and is read, discussed and understood by all new members of staff as part of their induction.

**Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of individual members of the team, to be familiar with the IPC Control statement, understand and comply with their roles and responsibilities in accordance.

**Review Date**

November 2024