

INFECTION CONTROL STATEMENT

It is vital to Dr Freeman and Partners to ensure that our patients receive excellent care in a place safe from the risk of infection. It is of the upmost importance to us to keep our patients safe and regular reviews of our infection control practices help us to maintain our high standards of care

The statement 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 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 and discussed in the time in session and cascaded to all relevant staff.

COVID-19 being a significant event in 2020/21, which is ongoing. Dr Freeman and Partners are following all NHS England Guidance and Standard Operating Procedure for General Practice

As a result of any events, Dr Freeman and Partners:

- Continue with annual infection control updates for both clinical and non-clinical staff.
- Ensure infection control guidance remains accessible to all staff
- Training is recorded and monitored

Infection Prevention Audits and Actions

The Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit was completed by Lesley Wood and Vicky Hindle, Infection Control Leads in July 2021.

All staff have handwashing assessments , clinical and non-clinical, these will be completed by 31st August 2021.

Cleaning Specifications

Dr Freeman and Partners have contracted cleaners which we closely monitor. Rooms are cleaned according to their usage/purpose and cleaned appropriately.

All equipment used by clinical staff is either single use or cleaned after patient usage. Cleaning logs are maintained

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed.

- Legionella (Water) Risk Assessments: The practice reviews its water safety risk assessment to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors or staff.
- **E.Coli incidences**
- Immunisation: As a practice we ensure that all our staff are up to date with their Hepatitis B immunisations and any occupational health vaccinations applicable to their role (i.e. MMR, Seasonal Flu, COVID-19). We take part in the National Immunisation campaigns for patients and offer vaccinations in surgery at PCN sites (COVID-19 Vaccinations only) and via home visits to our patient population.
- Curtains: Disposable curtains are used in clinical rooms and are changed every 12 months according to manufacturer instruction.

Training

All our staff complete an annual e-learning infection control update. The practice Infection Control lead and Practice Manger attends an annual

Infection Control Update. Updates for 20/21 have been remote due to COVID-19 restrictions

Policies

All Infection Prevention Control related policies are in date. Policies relating to Infection Control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually, and all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each individual to be familiar with this Statement and their roles and responsibilities under this.

Responsibility for Review

The Infection Prevention and Control Lead and the Practice Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement.

Newly appointed Infection Control Lead from 19/7/21 – Vicky Hindle

Hilary Farrar (Practice Manager)

Lesley Wood (Nurse Manager)

Vicky Hindle (Lead Nurse)