**Infection Control Annual Statement 31/12/2019**

**Aim**

* Provide and maintain a clean and tidy surgery
* Prevent and control the risk of the acquisition of an infection in all our activities
* Promote a safe environment for all patients, staff, users, visitors and the public

**Purpose**

The Annual Statement will be generated each year in December. It will summarise:-

* Details of any infection control audits undertaken and actions taken
* Significant events relating to infection control and subsequent action plan
* Details of any infection control risk assessments undertaken and actions taken
* Review of training, policies, procedures and guidelines

**Background**

* The IPC lead is Julia Hawkhead (Practice Nurse)
* The Practice Operational Lead Kay Harvey oversees compliance

**Significant Events**

In the past year (31/12/18-31/12/19) there has been no significant event raised that relates to infection control

**Audit**

Infection prevention and control audits are carried out every 12 months. The most recent IPC audit was completed 15/11/2019 by Julia Hawkhead with the assistance of Joanne Reynard (LCH Senior Infection Prevention Nurse). An external IPC nurse also carried out an independent audit in September 2017

**The audit raised the following necessary actions**:-

It is important to share infection prevention and control information with our patients. We will therefore place this annual statement on our website.

Portable fans need to be cleaned on a 3 monthly basis or removed from the rooms. Fans have been cleaned and removed from all rooms other than the treatment room which now has a 3 monthly cleaning schedule

The bin in the disabled toilet by reception has been replaced with an IPC compliant foot operated bin

The sink in the treatment room is a multiuse sink for hand hygiene and cleaning equipment. We have obtained quotes and plan to fit a 2nd sink in the treatment room within the next 12 months for handwashing to comply with HBN 00-01 part c regulations.

**Staff Training**

Hand washing technique posters are displayed by all sinks. All staff members complete annual infection control training via e-learning. All new members of staff will complete infection control training as part of their induction process.

**Policies, Procedures and Guidelines**

Policies relating to Infection control are reviewed and updated every 3 years (next due 13/04/21). However, all policies are amended on an on-going basis as current advice changes.

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