

## **Penn Hill Surgery Infection Control Annual Statement**

### **Purpose**

This annual statement will be generated each year in December 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 staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

**Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead Senior Partner** - Dr Pro Sarker.

**Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Deputy** - Melanie Brown Advanced Nurse 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 Practice meetings and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff.

In the past year there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

**The Annual Infection Prevention and Control Audit** was completed by Melanie Brown in January 2020.

As a result of last year's audit there have been a number of improvements made in the surgery.

New bins have been provided in the patient facilities.

An MMR vaccination campaign offered to the staff has resulted in the majority of staff being fully vaccinated. This ultimately protects patients in the event of a local outbreak of Measles. Other members of staff opted for bloods tests to prove they were immune to the diseases.

There was a full review of domestic cleaning schedules and treatment room cleaning.

This year, issues identified include the necessary repair to the couches – this is planned to be undertaken as soon as possible.

There is now a room just off the main waiting room, to isolate potentially infectious patients whilst waiting to see a clinician.

An audit on Minor Surgery was undertaken by Dr Pro Sarker in 2019.

No infections were reported for patients who had had minor surgery at the Surgery.

As a result of the audit, no changes in procedures were deemed necessary.

Penn Hill Surgery undertake hand hygiene audits with the staff at regular intervals.

### **Risk assessments**

Legionella (Water) Risk Assessment: The practice has conducted/reviewed its water safety risk assessment to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors or staff.

Penn Hill Surgery plan to undertake the following audits in 2020:

- Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit
- Minor Surgery outcomes audit
- Domestic Cleaning audit
- Hand hygiene audit

### **Training**

All our staff receive annual training in infection prevention and control. Both in-house training and also are required to undertake an e learning with assessment.

Melanie Brown attended the local LMC infection control update for Lead Nurses in Nov 2019.

### **Policies**

All Infection Prevention and Control related policies are in date for this year.

Policies relating to Infection Prevention and 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. Infection Control policies are circulated amongst staff for reading and discussed at meetings on an annual basis.