



INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT 2018 /2019

Purpose

The annual statement will be generated each year in March

It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our Significant Event procedure)
- The annual infection control audit summary and actions undertaken
- Control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training (both as part of induction and annual training) with regards to infection prevention & control
- Details of infection control advice to patients
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.

Background

Redwood House Surgery Lead for Infection Prevention /Control is Sarah Carbonaro who is supported and Practice Manager Jane Taylor.

This team keep updated with infection prevention & control practices and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.

Significant events

In the past year 12 months there have been 0 significant event that related to infection prevention & control. Although 1 incident has been documented referring to flood damage in December 2018.

Audits

An Infection control audit was performed October 2018 and March 2019 by East Berks CCG Infection Control Lead Louise Forster. Any actions to be taken have been addressed. There were no key areas of concern noted.



Risk Assessments

Regular risk assessments are undertaken to minimise the risk of infection and to ensure the safety of patients and staff. The following risk assessments related to infection prevention & control have been completed in the past year and appropriate actions have been taken:

- Provision and cleaning of toys
- Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH)
- Disposal of waste
- Healthcare associated infections (HCAIs) and occupational infections
- Minor surgery
- Sharps injury
- Use of personal protective clothing/equipment
- Risk of body fluid spills
- Legionella risk assessment

Staff training

4 new staff joined Redwood House Surgery in the past 12-months and received infection control and hand-washing training within 2 months of employment.

100% of the Practice Clinical staff completed their infection prevention & control update training.

100% of the Practice non-clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training.

The Infection Control Leads attended training updates 13th March 2019 for their role provided by Louise Foster (the Infection Prevention & Control Nurse for Berkshire East CCGs).

Infection Control Advice to Patients

Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout the Medical Centre/Surgery.



There are leaflets/posters available in the Redwood House Surgery on:

- Chickenpox & shingles
- Influenza
- The importance of immunisations (e.g. in childhood and in preparation for overseas travel)
- Sepsis

Policies, procedures and guidelines.

Documents related to infection prevention & control are reviewed in line with national and local guidance changes and are updated 2-yearly (or sooner in the event on new guidance).