



The Downland Practice

INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT 2022-2023

Purpose

The annual statement will be generated each year in November
It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our Significant Event Analysis (SEA) 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:

The Downland Practice Lead for Infection Prevention /Control is Gabriella Green Lead Practice Nurse who is supported by Robert Weir the Practice Manager

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 2021/2022 there have been 2 significant events that related to infection prevention & control.

Audits:

An Infection control audit was undertaken in November 2022 by Gabriella Green and the Practice Manager.

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 (HCAs) and occupational infections
- Minor surgery
- Sharps injury
- Use of personal protective clothing/equipment
- Risk of body fluid spills
- Legionella risk assessment
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Staff training:

9 new staff joined the Downland Practice in the past 12-months and received infection control and hand-washing training within 6 months of employment. 100% of the Practice Clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training this consisted of formal training session for hand washing and or on-line training. 90% of the Practice non-clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training.

The Infection Control Leads attended training updates for their role provided by the Infection Prevention & Control Nurse for Berkshire West CCGs.

Infection Control Advice to Patients:

Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout the Downland Practice. The Downland Practice have two cases of MRSA that are being actively managed.

There are leaflets/posters available in the Downland Practice on:

- MRSA
- Chickenpox & shingles
- The importance of immunisations (e.g. in childhood and in preparation for overseas travel)
- Recognising symptoms of TB
- Flu and Covid-19 vaccination clinic promotion
- Norovirus

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).