

**INFECTION CONTROL PROGRAMME**

**ANNUAL STATEMENT 2020-2021**

This Annual Statement forms part of the Infection Control Programme at Kintbury & Woolton Hill Surgeries and follows guidance outlined in [The Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance - Publications - GOV.UK](#)

Date of report	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
Purpose	<p>The annual statement will be generated at the end of each financial year. It will summarise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any infection transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our Incident Reporting procedures)</li> <li>• The annual infection control audit summary and actions undertaken</li> <li>• Control risk assessments undertaken</li> <li>• Details of staff training (both as part of induction and annual training) with regards to infection prevention &amp; control</li> <li>• Details of infection control advice to patients</li> <li>• Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.</li> </ul>
Name & designation of person compiling report	<p>Juliana Slater – Infection Prevention and Control Lead</p> <p>Supported by: Dr Gemma Newman – GP Partner &amp; Karen Oakton – Practice Manager</p> <p>This team keep updated with infection prevention &amp; control practices and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.</p>
Known infection transmission events and actions arising from this	<p>For the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 there have been the following adverse or significant events raised in relation to infection control: 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- shielding patient concern re safety of waiting room – action that CEV pts should be asked to wait in the car until called by clinician</li> <li>- 2<sup>nd</sup> flu vaccine given unnecessarily – action not to book other vaccs into flu clinics</li> </ul>
Audits undertaken and subsequent actions	<p>Infection Prevention &amp; Control audits were undertaken for Kintbury &amp; Woolton Hill in December 2020.</p> <p>Covid compliance audit undertaken in November 2020</p> <p>National Cleaning Standards audits were undertaken in November 20 and February 21.</p> <p>Action plans include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repainting public areas of surgery</li> <li>Decluttering cleaners’ cupboards</li> <li>Ensure solidifying gel available in all consulting rooms</li> <li>Larger external bin ordered for general waste</li> <li>Clearing stored items from floor</li> <li>New actions added to cleaning schedule</li> </ul>
Risk assessments undertaken for	<p>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</p>

<p>prevention and control of infection</p>	<p>prevention &amp; control have been completed in the past year and appropriate actions have been taken:</p> <p>Clinical Waste COSHH Health and Safety Vaccine Storage Legionella E.coli &amp; C.diff cases – external</p>
<p>Training received by staff</p>	<p>7 new staff joined the practice in the past 12-months and received infection control and hand-washing training within 3 months of employment. 80% of the Practice Clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention &amp; control update training (e-learning) 83% of the Practice non-clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention &amp; control update training. (1 employee mat leave, 2 long term sick)</p> <p>The Infection Control Lead attended a training update and policy for her role provided by Jintana (the Infection Prevention &amp; Control Nurse for Berkshire West CCGs) dated 22/7/2020 and attends regular IC Lead meetings.</p> <p>All staff have undertaken infection control training and received hand wash training in house. There is a requirement for all staff to update this training annually. New clinical staff undertake a competency assessment for aseptic technique.</p> <p>New staff also undertake occupational health screening and are offered necessary vaccinations in house. OH screening is undertaken by Everwell online</p>
<p>Review and update of policies, procedures and guidance</p>	<p>All policies under the umbrella of the Infection Prevention &amp; Control are reviewed in line with national and local guidance and updated 2 yearly (or sooner in the event of new guidance):</p> <p>Infection Control Decontamination Clinical Waste Cleaning Plan &amp; Schedule Hand Washing Techniques Aseptic technique Specimen Handling Mercury Sphygmanometers Innoculation Injuries and Safe Use of Sharps Vaccine Storage and Cold Chain Break Temperature Recording Procedures</p>
<p>Infection Control Advice to Patients:</p>	<p>Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout the Medical Centre/Surgery. Covid screening questions are asked at appointment booking and at reception desk. Face masks are compulsory in the premises and posters advice this.</p> <p>There are leaflets available in the Surgery on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Norovirus</li> <li>- Chickenpox &amp; shingles</li> <li>- Influenza – during vaccination season</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Childhood immunisations</li><li>- Travel immunisations</li><li>- Recognising symptoms of TB</li><li>- Meningitis/septicaemia</li><li>- Measles</li><li>- HPV vaccination</li><li>- Whooping cough in pregnancy</li></ul> <p>Posters have been minimised and leaflets in the waiting room moved away from communal areas during covid.</p>
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