



INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 2018-2019

Purpose

This annual statement is generated each year in June and summarises the work we have done throughout the year to promote best practice in Infection Prevention and Control in Newbridge surgery to ensure we deliver safe and effective care.

This statement summarises:

- 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 taken.
- Details of staff training.
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.

Background

Newbridge Surgery has two leads for Infection, Prevention and Control:

Ruth Elms, Patient Services Manager
Sister Dawn Havron, Lead Practice Nurse

Significant Events

There were no significant events in relation to Infection Prevention and Control.

Audits

Audits completed in the last year include; Quality Improvement Annual Audit, Examination Couches, Curtains, Sharps and Disposal of clinical waste containers, Hand hygiene, Vaccine Storage and Vaccine Fridges.

The Quality Improvement Audit identified some areas of improvement such as flaky paint on walls. We will introduce a rolling programme of decoration to ensure clinical areas meet high standards. Other areas identified have been rectified i.e. cleaning notices in baby change area.

We have recently reviewed the frequency of our audits and have introduced an annual rolling programme of monthly audits to enable us to demonstrate that we are complying with best practice guidance.

Staff Training

Clinical staff have completed annual refresher training in Infection Control and Prevention which was undertaken by an online course.

Non-clinical staff have had one to one training with Sister Havron as part of their induction and all Non-clinical staff have had a face to face update by Sister Havron.

Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

Our IPC and cleaning policies are reviewed annually but are also updated as required.

The main policies for IPC listed below are formally reviewed annually, however all are amended on an ongoing basis as current advice changes, or need arises.



Newbridge Surgery
Dedicated, Quality Care

Newbridge Infection Control Policy
Newbridge Disposable Instruments
Policy for Disposal of Sharps
Policy for Handling Specimens
Newbridge Waste Management Protocol
Newbridge Decontamination Policy
Infection Control Procedures for Couches
Isolation of Patients Policy
Policy for Tourniquets
Toy Cleaning Procedure
Treatment Room Protocol

We have also reviewed the relevant Health & Safety policies regarding handling of specimens, spillages and needlestick contamination.

Distribution: Noticeboards in waiting room and for staff; Website