



THE BARCROFT PRACTICE

BARCROFT MEDICAL CENTRE

THE CENTRE, AMESBURY, WILTS SP4 7DL

ANNUAL INFECTION CONTROL STATEMENT 2023/2024

Purpose

This practice is committed to the control of infection within the building and in relation to the clinical procedures carried out within it. This annual statement will be generated each year 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 and actions undertaken

Details of any risk assessments undertaken for prevention and control of infection

Details of staff training

Any reviews and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead

The practice's clinical lead for infection control is Tania Caulfield, Nurse Manager. The practice's non-clinical lead for infection control is Trevor Scott, Operations Manager

Tania Caulfield has undertaken regular training and updates on IPC. Kimberley Lackey started attending the IPC updates in 2023 and is responsible for the room cleanliness risk assessments

The infection control lead has the following duties and responsibilities within the practice:

1. Audits
2. Training
3. Inspections
4. Significant learning events
5. Learn from patient safety events (LFPSE)
6. Policies
7. Liason with cleaners (Trevor Scott)
8. Annual infection statement



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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 6 monthly and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff. The next review is in August 2023

There have been [0] significant events relating to infection control at the practice in the last year

Audits relating to Infection Control and Actions

The following audits relating to Infection Control have been undertaken at the practice in the last year, and the following recommendations and/or actions plans were produced in response to the findings:

1. Cold chain audit
2. Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit
3. Handwashing of clinical and non-clinical staff
4. Sharp box audit
5. Oxygen cylinder audit
6. Urine audit
7. Minor operation audit

Risk assessment

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed.

The following risk assessments relating to Infection Control have been undertaken at the practice during 2022/2023,

Legionella Water Risk assessment - The latest Water Quality testing visit was on the 21st April and no legionella was detected. We regularly test the water temperatures to ensure tht the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors or staff.

Liaison with cleaners, during in house inspection cleaning levels were sub-standard

Replacement of carpets in clinical treatment rooms

Replacement of domestic waste bins

Waste management audit

Immunisation: Barcroft Medical Practice ensure that all clinical staff are up to date with their Hepatitis B immunisations and are offered any occupational health



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vaccinations applicable to their role (i.e. seasonal flu). Barcroft Medical Practice encourage all employees to have the COVID 19 vaccination as recommended by Public Health England.

Practice Policies, Procedures and Guidance relating to Infection Control

The practice maintains the upkeep of the following policies, procedures and guidance related to infection control. These policies, procedures and guidance are reviewed and updated annually, as well as being amended on an ongoing basis to keep up with changes in regulation etc.

Infection Prevention and Control policies are available to all staff

List policies, procedures and guidance

The following policies, procedures and guidance have been updated for 2023

List updated policies, procedures and guidance and date updated

- Antimicrobial prescribing
- Aseptic techniques guidance
- Cleaning and decontamination
- Hand hygiene policy
- Legionella policy and protocol
- National infection prevention and control manual for England
- National standards of healthcare cleanliness
- Needle stick policy
- Notifiable disease policy
- PPE
- Safe handling and disposal of sharps
- Specimen handling
- Standard precautions policy
- Vaccine storage and handling
- Waste Management policy



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Training

All our staff receives annual training in infection prevention and control. Both Clinical and Non-clinical staff undertake mandatory online training via eLearning for Healthcare and Bluestream

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each individual to be familiar with this Statement and their roles and responsibilities under this.

Review date

August 2024

Responsibility for Review

The Infection Prevention and Control Lead is responsible for reviewing and producing the Infection Control Annual Statement.