

Infection Control Annual Statement for St Peter's Hill Surgery 01.01.2024

Aim

- Provide and maintain a clean and tidy surgery
- Prevent and control the risk of the acquisition of an infection in all our activities
- Promote a safe environment for all patients, staff, users, visitors and the public

Purpose

The Annual Statement will be generated each year in January. It will summarise:-

- Details of any infection control audits undertaken, and actions taken
- Significant events relating to infection control and subsequent action plan
- Details of any infection control risk assessments undertaken, and actions taken
- Review of training, policies, procedures and guidelines

Background

- The IPC lead is Nicola Whitehead (NW) (Practice Nurse)
- The Practice Manager Julian Da Silva (JS) oversees compliance

Significant Events

There have not been any significant events relating to infection control during the past year.

Audit

The Infection control lead completed an audit for the surgery in November 2023. The general standard of cleanliness was variable with some dust accumulation on high surfaces, couch frames, curtain rails and skirtings. The cleaning management is provided by Aspro Cleaning. The owners of Aspro Cleaning have visited the surgery regularly over the past year and several areas that needed improvement were highlighted and addressed. The surgery was also inspected by a senior health protection nurse in February 2023, the results of which were positive- “The standard of cleanliness was good on the whole and the environment tidy and uncluttered. Old building presents some challenges, but actually, where it mattered, the environment was generally easy to keep clean and surfaces were in good condition. I saw no IPC practice that posed a significant risk to patients and your systems and training are robust, therefore I do not feel a second visit is required”.

In November 2022 National Standards of Cleanliness were introduced for GP surgeries. The surgery will do all it can to ensure these recommendations are followed so that we can achieve these national standards.

Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

Policies relating to Infection control are reviewed and updated every 3 years. However, all policies are amended on an on-going basis as current advice changes.

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