



Mayfield Medical Centre

Infection Control Annual Statement 2023

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in January 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 undertaken and actions undertaken
- Details of any risk assessments undertaken for prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

Lead IPC GP: Linda Gaw

Lead IPC Nurse: Gilly Rowett

IPC Champion: Hetty Arthur

IPC Champion: Grace Pilling

Operations Manager: Alison Sherar

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 in the monthly staff meetings and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff.

Pre-April 2023 – All Staff at Mayfield Medical Centre were required to wear face masks which involves any face-to-face contact with a patient, along with encouraging patients to continue to wear masks when seeing any clinician. This is to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Post April 2023 – Mayfield Medical Centre has adopted to The Department of Health and Social Care policy which states Providers can make risk-based decisions on when face masks are used. Decisions around masks will be based on factors like the risk to specific individuals if the setting is in an outbreak or the preferences of the individual receiving care. We advise that anyone with household case and respiratory symptoms to wear a mask. More information on face mask can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mask-and-outbreak-guidance-updated-in-care-settings>

A protocol is in place to inform of notifiable diseases/infections.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

The Annual Infection Control audit was completed by Infection control Champions in January 2023. As a result of the audit, the following things have been identified:

- The reception area and all clinical rooms to be de-cluttered and re organised
- General waste bin replaced with 'lidded' bins
- Clinical room curtains to be changed.
- An up-to-date hand hygiene audit
- Daily room cleaning schedules to be completed.
- All staff to complete infection control training.
- Pillows to be changed to wipeable fabric.
- Equipment to be removed off the floor in the sluice and nurses store cupboard on to a shelf to prevent contamination and obstruction to cleaning.
- In date spill kits in appropriate designated areas
- Remove sink plugs from health education room and room 10.
- Sign above all sinks, warning staff and patients of hot water.
- Fridge cleaning schedule
- Cold Chain policy updated May 2023 for June release
- Urine testing policy for clinicians' rooms – updating June 2023

Mayfield Medical Centre plan to implement the following audits for 2023

- Hand Hygiene audit
- Waste audit
- Cleaning schedule audit

Risk Assessments

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

In the last year the following risk assessments were carried out / reviewed:

Legionella (Water) Risk Assessment: The practice has conducted/reviewed its water safety risk assessment to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors or staff

Immunisation: As a practice we ensure that all of our staff are up to date with their Hepatitis B immunisations and offered any occupational health vaccinations applicable to their role (i.e. MMR, Seasonal Flu, Coronavirus).

Curtains: The NHS Cleaning Specifications state the curtains should be cleaned or if using disposable curtains, replaced every 6 months. To this effect we use disposable curtains and will now be ensuring they are changed every 6 months in January and July. All curtains are regularly reviewed and changed if visibly soiled.

NHS Cleaning Specifications have recommended that all toys are removed during the Covid – 19 Pandemic as it is impossible to guarantee zero risk of infection with adequate cleaning between use. Therefore, all toys have been removed from Mayfield Medical Centre.

Cleaning specifications, frequencies and cleanliness: We work closely with our cleaners to ensure that the surgery is kept as clean as possible. Regular assessments of cleaning processes are conducted by our cleaning contractors to identify areas for improvement.

Urine testing in consultation rooms: Due to time constraint GPs are not able to come out of their room each time to urine dip. Therefore, a designated container has been provided in each consultation room where urine should be kept after dipping, this will then be emptied appropriately twice daily at the allocated time.

Training

- All Clinical and non-clinical staff complete Infection Control e-learning training annually
- All new staff receive Infection Control training at induction specific to their role

Policies

All Infection Prevention and Control related policies are in date for this year. Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually, and all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes. Infection Control policies are available on the Salus intranet for all staff to access.

The following policies/protocols are currently in place:

Policy/Protocol	Date issued
Clinical Governance Policy	6/28/2022
Cold Chain Protocol - Mayfield	Updated May 2023 Releasing June 2023
Infection Prevention and Control Policy	11/12/2020
IPC Asepsis and Disposable Single Use Instruments Protocol	11/12/2020
IPC Biological Spills Protocol	11/12/2020
IPC Hand Hygiene Protocol	11/12/2020
IPC Isolation of Patients Protocol	11/12/2020
IPC Needlestick Injury Protocol	11/12/2020
IPC Notifiable Diseases Protocol	5/6/2021
IPC PPE Protocol	11/12/2020
IPC Sample Handling Protocol	11/12/2020
IPC Staff Illness – Exclusion from Work Protocol	11/12/2020
Urinalysis Protocol - Mayfield	10/08/2020 Updating, June 2023

Review

January 2024