

The Glenfield Surgery

Infection Control Annual Statement

(April 2024 – March 2025)

1. PURPOSE

In line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of practice on prevention and control of infection (July 2015) and its related guidance, this Annual Statement will be generated each year. It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any lessons learnt and action taken
- Details of any infection prevention and control (IPC) audits undertaken and any subsequent actions taken arising from these audits
- Details of any issues that may challenge infection prevention and control including risk assessment undertaken and subsequent actions implemented as a result
- Details of staff IPC training
- Details of review and update of IPC policies, procedures and guidance
- To highlight priorities for the upcoming year.

2. INFECTION CONTROL LEAD

The Infection Control Lead will enable the integration of Infection Control principles into standards of care within the practice, by acting as a link between the surgery and Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Infection Control Team. They will be the first point of contact for practice staff in respect of Infection Control issues. They will help create and maintain an environment which will ensure the safety of the patient / client, carers, visitors and health care workers in relation to Healthcare Associated Infection (HCAI).

The Infection Control Lead will carry out the following within the practice:

- Increase awareness of Infection Control issues amongst staff and clients
- Help motivate colleagues to improve practice
- Improve local implementation of Infection Control policies
- Ensure that practice based Infection Control audits are undertaken
- Assist in the education of colleagues
- Help identify any Infection Control problems within the practice and work to resolve these, where necessary in conjunction with the local Infection Control Team
- Act as a role model within the practice
- Disseminate key Infection Control messages to their colleagues within the practice

Practice Infection Control Lead: Danielle Donlan/Link Nurses: Jo Marlow/Rebecca Liquorish
Environment and Decontamination Lead: Danielle Donlan/Link Nurses: Jo Marlow/Rebecca Liquorish

3. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

There have been **no significant events** reported regarding infection control issues in the period covered by this report.

4. AUDITS / RISK ASSESSMENT

The following audits/ assessments were carried out in the practice

- Infection control annual audit - 15th July 2024
- Environment and Decontamination Audit – 15th July 2024

5. PRIORITIES AND KEY POINTS FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

1. Infection control policy has been updated
2. To attempt to remove clutter from rooms – ie items on shelves, floors and non-laminated posters on walls
3. Remove old BNFs from rooms as they are no longer required
4. Remove limescale from taps in clinical rooms and patient toilets
5. Discuss appropriate cleaning procedures and equipment for rooms – advice sought from IPC link nurse at ICB.

6. STAFF TRAINING

The infection Control Lead and Link Nurse for the Practice have completed Infection Control training in the last year. As part of new recruitment, all new members of staff are asked to complete an Infection Control Assessment Sheet.

7. POLICIES, PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES

The Policies below have been updated this Year. They are reviewed annually or earlier when appropriate due to changes in regulations and evidence based guidance.

- Standard Infection Control Precautions
- Aseptic Technique
- Isolation of Service Users with an Infection
- Safe Handling and Disposal of Sharps
- Prevention and Management of Occupational Exposure to Blood and Body Fluids (including sharps injuries)
- Safe Handling and Disposal of Waste
- Packaging and Handling of Specimens

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- Immunisation of Patients
- Decontamination of Re-usable Medical Devices and Equipment
- Single Use Medical Devices
- Outbreaks of Infection / Communicable Disease/ Isolation of Infective Patients
- Reporting of Infections to the Health Protection Agency or Local Authority
- CJD / vCJD – handling of instruments and devices
- Environmental Cleaning
- Uniform Policy / Dress Code
- Antimicrobial Prescribing