Annual Infection Control Statement July 2023

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in June in accordance with the requirements of the [Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-health-and-social-care-act-2008-code-of-practice-on-the-prevention-and-control-of-infections-and-related-guidance) on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance. The report will be published on the practice website and will include the following summary:

* 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 the prevention and control of infection
* Details of staff training
* Any review and update of policies, procedures, and guidelines

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) lead

The lead for infection prevention and control at Latchford Medical Centre is Carrie Tuson Tizzard, Practice Nurse.

The IPC lead is supported by Katy Taberner, Practice Manager

**a. Infection transmission incidents (significant events)**

Significant events involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events.

Positive events are discussed at meetings to allow all staff to be appraised of areas of best practice.

Negative events are managed by the staff member who either identified or was advised of any potential shortcoming. This person will complete a Significant Event Analysis (SEA) form that commences an investigation process to establish what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements.

All significant events are reviewed and discussed at several meetings each month. Any learning points are cascaded to all relevant staff where an action plan, including audits or policy review, may follow.

In the past year there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control. There have also been no complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

**b. Infection prevention Audit and actions**

On 20 July 2023, our annual infection control Audit was carried out by the IPC Specialist Nurse for Warrington, St Helens and Halton.

Our next Infection Prevention **Audit** is not currently scheduled.

**c. Risk assessments**

Risk assessments are carried out so that any risk is minimised to be as low as reasonably practicable. Additionally, a risk assessment that can identify best practice can be established and then followed.

**d. Training**

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Latchford Medical Centre all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receive refresher training annually via Blue Stream Academy.

**e. Policies and procedures**

The infection prevention and control related policies and procedures that have been written, updated, or reviewed in the last year include, but are not limited, to:

Hand Hygiene Policy

PPE at Work Policy

Patient Immunisation Policy

Specimen Collection and Urine disposal

Policies relating to infection prevention and control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually. Additionally, all policies are amended on an ongoing basis as per current advice, guidance, and legislation changes.

**f. Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of all staff members at Latchford Medical Centre to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

**g. Review**

The IPC lead and Katy Taberner, Practice Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before our next inspection.