



Arden Medical Centre Infection Control Annual Statement 2015-2016

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year. It will summarise:

- 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 control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training relating to infection control
- Any reviews and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Arden Medical Centre produces this statement to comply with CQC registration requirements

Background

Arden Medical Centre has one lead for Infection, Prevention and Control, our Practice Nurse Simone Giddings, supported by Rebecca Young our Practice Manager.

Nurse Simone Giddings keeps updated on infection control and shares necessary information with the team at team meetings.

Significant Events

A significant event is defined as “any event thought by any member of staff to be significant in the care of patients or the conduct of the practice”

In the past year (2015) there has been one significant event raised that related to infection control.

The one event was an ENT suction needle found on the clinic room floor by our practice nurse. It indicated the floor had not been sufficiently checked & cleaned following a clinic. This was raised with the ENT clinic staff and our contract cleaners. No harm was caused to any staff or patients & no further reported incidents or concerns.

Audits

In January 2016 an Infection Prevention and Control in General Practice audit was completed by Practice Nurse Simone Giddings & Practice Manager, Rebecca Young.

It is advised that we should share information with our patients regarding infection control and will therefore place a copy of this Annual Statement on our practice website and will notify patients of any seasonal outbreaks that they may need to be aware of via posters in the surgery and on our website.

The findings of the audit were shared with the practice team and an action plan created to develop infection prevention within the practice. It will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments (in relation to infection prevention) are carried out so best practice can be established and then followed.

Staff training

All staff had an update on infection control training in 2013.

Reception staff had training on specimen handling in 2013.

All staff had hand hygiene training in 2014

We had one new member of staff join the practice this year and training was given as part of their induction programme.

*All staff are due an infection control training update in 2016 and this has been booked for
March 2016*

Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are reviewed annually and updated if appropriate. However, all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice changes.

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