**Infection Control Annual Statement**

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in May, 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

The Brook Lane Surgery lead for Infection Prevention and Control is Practice Nurse, Paula Woolcock.

The IPC Lead is supported by: Carolyn Hill, Practice Manager

Paula Woolcock has attended an IPC Lead training course in October 2017 and keeps updated on infection prevention practice.

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 GP meetings and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff. There is also an annual whole practice significant events meeting.

In the past year there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

An audit of the premises was undertaken and as a result of the audit, the following will be carried out at Brook Lane Surgery:

* Remove the material covered Benches from the waiting room and replace with cleanable chairs
* Review sharps management and ensure they are being utilized correctly
* Purchased new couch as one had a small tear to it and couldn’t be lowered or raised

The Brook Lane Surgery plan to undertake the following audits on top of their annual audits in 2021/22:

* Sharps Audit

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. Our Infection control lead, carried out an Annual Infection Control Assessment in January 2021. The following action/improvement plan was made:

* Domestic cleaning – areas identified that were not being cleaned adequately
* Ensure paper towels are put in to the dispensers and not left on the side

Immunisation

As a practice we ensure that all our clinical 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). We take part in the National Immunisation campaigns for patients and offer vaccinations in house and via home visits to our patient population.

Training

The following staff received training in infection prevention and control:

02/20 – Infection Control update – Infection Control Lead and HCA attended this course.

2021 –Annual infection control and hand hygiene training

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. They are all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes. Infection Control policies are circulated amongst staff for reading and discussed at meetings on an ongoing basis.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each individual to be familiar with this Statement and their roles and responsibilities under this.

Review date

1st January 2022

Responsibility for Review

The Infection Prevention and Control Lead and the Practice Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement.

Paula Woolcock – Lead ICP Nurse Carolyn Hill, Practice Manager

For and on behalf of the Brook Lane Surgery