

Green Meadows Surgery

Infection Control Annual Statement 2019/2020

PURPOSE

The annual statement will be generated each year in August.

It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and action taken and reported in accordance with our Significant Events procedure
- The annual infection control audit summary and action taken
- Control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training (both as part of induction and annual training) with regards to infection control and prevention.
- Details of infection control advice to patients

BACKGROUND

Green Meadows Surgery Infection Prevention/Control Leads:

Dr A M Robertson (GP)

Infection Control Lead

Mrs Jane Leedham (Nurse)

Infection Control Deputy

This team keep updated with infection prevention and control practices and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

In the past year there have been 0 significant events related to infection prevention and control.

AUDITS

Undertaken in the past year

- Annual Infection Control audit – December 2019
- Cold Chain
- Hand Hygiene

Changes following the Hand Hygiene audit were made to performing this to three times a year instead of annually.

Data loggers bought for the vaccine fridges and food fridge labelled as not monitored

RISK ASSESSMENTS

Regular risk assessments are undertaken to minimise the risk of infection and to ensure the safety of patients and staff. The following risk assessments related to infection prevention and control have been completed in the past year and appropriate action taken.

- Legionella risk assessment
- Disposal of waste
- Hand Hygiene

STAFF TRAINING

4 new staff joined Green Meadows in the past 12 months and received infection control and hand washing training within 4 weeks of employment via online Blue Stream Academy.

100% of Practice clinical staff completed annual infection control and prevention update training online

100% of Practice non clinical staff completed annual infection prevention and control update training online.

The Infection Control lead attended a training update in July 2019 provided by Louise Foster (IPC Nurse East Berkshire CCG)

INFECTION CONTROL ADVICE TO PATIENTS

- Green Meadows actively encourages patients to use the hand gel dispensers that are available within the surgery and promotes hand hygiene especially during the COVID19 pandemic.
- Posters and leaflets are displayed within the waiting area of the surgery, including:
 - MRSA
 - Shingles
 - Influenza and Pneumonia
 - Chicken Pox
 - TB
 - Norovirus

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

Documents related to infection prevention and controls are reviewed in line with national and local guidance changes and are updated bi-annually unless new guidance emerges before review date.

Green Meadows Staff have individual responsibility to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.