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Infection Prevention and Control Annual Statement January 2017

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

- any known infection transmission events and actions arising from this;
- audits undertaken and subsequent actions;
- risk assessments undertaken for prevention and control of infection;
- education and training received by staff; and
- review and update of policies, procedures and guidance

Infection Control Team

The infection control team at Woodlands consists of:

- Nurse Heather Pinder – infection control lead
- Nurse Heather Pinder - lead for cleaning and decontamination
- HCA Carla Davies - lead for waste management
- Practice Manager Robert Weir - responsible for contracts with the external cleaning company and window cleaning company, and infrastructure improvements.
- GP Partner Dr Alex Hart

Infection transmission events or significant events involving infection control

There were no recorded infection transmission events or significant events in the last 12 months.

Audits and risk assessments undertaken and subsequent actions

A CQC report dated 25 October 2016 found the premises to be clean, there were areas of practice where the provider must make improvements:

- a. Ensure the storage of vaccines follows the practice's protocols and national standards for safe storage of medicines.

This improvement has been actioned and vaccines are stored and monitored in line with the practice protocol which reflects the national standards for safe storage of medicines.

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An internal audit of cleanliness and infection control procedures in December 2016 highlighted a number of issues for which a subsequent risk assessment was undertaken, which is detailed below:

Hazard	Risk evaluation	Action plan	Timescale
Carpet staining - Need to evaluate whether a cleanliness or cosmetic issue	Carpets are cleaned regularly, and the residual staining is a cosmetic issue. Any areas where procedures are undertaken which might involve body fluid spillage have either lino floors, or an impermeable mat covering the relevant area. Current staining is of no significant infection control risk.	Ongoing carpet cleaning will be undertaken by the external contactors. Any new floor surfaces installed will be impermeable to aid cleaning. Carpets in corridors being replaced Person responsible: Practice manager.	Apr 17
Some chairs in patients waiting room are not covered with a washable fabric	Current chairs are removed if contaminated	Replace chairs with a washable fabric when current chairs are contaminated. Person responsible: Practice manager. Partners have agreed to replace all non-wipe able seating.	On going
Toys held in waiting room and in GP consulting rooms	Toys not regularly cleaned, each GP will require to maintain a cleaning register	Remove toys from areas by End Feb 17. Replace waiting room toys with colouring paper/crayons.	Feb 17
Some chairs in clinical areas are of non-washable fabric and are ripped	Current chairs are removed if contaminated	Replace chairs with a washable fabric when current chairs are contaminated/ripped. Person responsible: Practice manager	Apr 17
Some floor surfaces	Poor Hygiene control	Flooring just laid – recall	Mar 17

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are not quite sealed with the side of the wall		company to reseal	
Some work surfaces are cluttered (Clinical)	Cleaners cannot clean correctly	Staff informed via staff update	Feb 17
Domestic waste is not placed on a foot operated metal foot operated bin	Risk of contamination when filling the foot bin and handling the lid.	Replace current bin system	May 17
Toilet flooring needs to be resealed	Risk of infection and build-up of dirt in the cracks	Some toilets are being replaced, the one that are not need to be resealed.	Feb 17
Air Vents have not been cleaned.	Build-up of dirt and possible infection	Co-op cleaning company – deep clean	Feb 17
Domestic waste is not placed on a foot operated metal foot operated bin – In toilets	Risk of contamination when filling the foot bin and handling the lid.	Replace current bin system	May 17
No Instructions available for cleaning of baby changing facilities after use	Infection risk	Check current system and then place in instructions	Feb 17
Hand Hygiene, staff need to be able to demonstrate correct hand washing	Infection risk	Remind all staff about handwashing	Feb 17

An ongoing audit of use of high risk antimicrobials was undertaken in conjunction with the OCCG medicines management team. The latest data show Woodlands Medical Centre had a prescribing rate of 9.64% (FY 15/16), which is better than the previous year of 10.56%.

Training

Two new Health Care Assistants received comprehensive infection control training as part of their completion of the newly introduced Care Certificate. We have one HCA due to start her Care Certificate end of Jan 17. All current nursing staff completed online updating of infection

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control training online via the Bluestream Academy. Nurse Heather Pinder attended an infection control course and cascaded the information to all members of clinical staff.

Review and update of policies, procedures and guidance

The infection control policy was updated in April 2016. This has been circulated to all staff for information and guidance.

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