

The Border Practice Infection Control Annual Statement 2023

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 Events Reporting procedures)
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken and actions taken.
- Details of staff training.
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.

Background

The infection prevention and control lead for the Border Practice is Nurse K Johns, supported by Nurse S Strawn.

Significant events

No known cases of MRSA have been identified that are linked to our premises.

Audits

Annual infection control audits are undertaken at the practice. This year had good results. All clinical rooms have infection control compliant flooring. Infection control, decontamination, sharps handling and waste management were all found to be good. Our Clinical Commissioning Group has a new Infection Control lead and a full audit assessment for our practice as a learning and support tool was. Adjustments have been made during the coronavirus pandemic to amend our ways of working to ensure the safest possible environment for both patients and staff.

Actions taken as a result of the above audit:-

Single use sachets of lubricant have been introduced. Disposable BP monitor cuffs are now used. Multiple additional processes are in place to reduce covid infection risk.

Staff training

At the time of the publication of the annual infection control statement, all clinical staff were in date for infection control training.

Policies, procedures and guidelines

- Our Infection Prevention Decontamination Waste Management Control policy has been reviewed.
- Cleaning plans/schedules have been checked and discussed.
- The practice manager and operations manager are responsible for liaising directly with the cleaning company where there are cleaning deficiencies or any identified problems.