

## **Infection Control Annual Statement April 2013 to March 2014**

### **1. Purpose**

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 in February. It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any lessons learnt and action taken
- Reference to any infection prevention and control (IPC) audits undertaken and any subsequent actions taken arising from these audits
- Reference to any issues that may challenge infection prevention and control including risk assessment undertaken and subsequent actions implemented as a result
- Assurance of staff IPC training
- Review and update of IPC policies, procedures and guidance

Practice Infection Control standards are met from compliance with high standard of environmental cleaning, sharps audit maintenance, awareness and staff training on infection control, hand hygiene, use of personal protection equipment, waste control. Also, we ensure that hand alcohol gel is available from waiting room to the clinical rooms.

### **2. Infection Control Lead**

The Infection Control Lead, Indu Gudka enables the integration of Infection Control principles into standards of care within the practice, by acting as a link between the surgery and Brent Infection Control Team (BICT).

BICT will be the first point of contact for practice staff in respect of Infection Control issues. They will help create and maintain an environment which will ensure the safety of the patient / client, carers, visitors and health care workers in relation to Healthcare Associated Infection (HCAI).

The Infection Control Lead carries out the following within the practice:

- Increase awareness of Infection Control issues amongst staff and patients by use of posters, training, patient surveys
- Help motivate colleagues to improve practice
- Improve local implementation of Infection Control policies
- Ensure that practice based Infection Control audits are undertaken
- Assist in the education of colleagues
- Help identify any Infection Control problems within the practice and work to resolve these, where necessary in conjunction with the local Infection Control Team
- Act as a role model within the practice
- Disseminate key Infection Control messages to their colleagues within the practice

**Practice Infection Control Lead:** Mrs Indu Gudka

**Cleaning and Decontamination Lead:** Mr Ravilal Gorsia

**Audit Lead:** Rashmi Rajyaguru

**Lead GP:** Dr Upma Shah

### **3. Significant Events**

There have been no significant events reported regarding infection control issues in the period covered by this report.

### **4. Staff Training**

All the clinical members of staff have attended Infection Control training within the 2013-2014 and Non clinical staff within the last 2 years.

- One of the Health Care Assistants, who is currently on maternity leave will be attending the next infection control training to be held by Brent infection control team.

- Dr Upma Shah has also recently attended the 'Antibiotic Awareness' talk that was recently held to raise awareness of antibiotic prescribing and local resistance patterns

### **5. Policies, Protocols and Guidelines**

We have updated and consolidated our infection control policies and protocols and amalgamated most of the important aspects into one clear document 'Infection Prevention and Control Policy' in Jan 2014

### **6. Risk Assessments**

Health & safety, Sharps and Infection control Risk assessments are current.

### **7. Audits**

In the last 12 months Minor surgery, cleaning, hand washing, use of PPE (PPE), sharps audits have been completed and relevant actions undertaken.

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