



Annual Statement for Infection Prevention and Control at The Smile Clinic

It is a requirement of The Health and Social Care Act 2008 *Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance* that the Infection Prevention and Control Lead produces an annual statement with regard to compliance with good practice on infection prevention and control and makes it available for anyone who wishes to see it, including patients and regulatory authorities.

As best practice, our Annual Statement will be published on the Practice website.

The Annual Statement should provide a short review of any:

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



Infection Control Annual Statement

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in April 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 Smile Clinic has a Lead for Infection Prevention and Control: Miss Lauren Bellerby (Dental Nurse).

The IPC Lead is supported by: Mrs Gemma Poolman (Practice Supervisor)

Lauren and Gemma keep their training updated on infection prevention practice throughout the year.

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 will be reviewed with all staff.

As a result of these events, The Smile Clinic has:

- Ensured Infection Control Guidance remains accessible to all staff.
- Will carry out a monthly infection control audit on all clinical areas & staff

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

The Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit was completed by Gemma Poolman in January 2018

As a result of the audit, the following things have been changed:



- The infection control audit will be carried out monthly rather than annually to ensure safe practice.
- The emergency equipment cupboard has been labeled to ensure it is easily accessible.

The Practice plan to undertake the following audits in 2018:

- Hand hygiene audit
- Healthcare waste

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. In the last year the following risk assessments were carried out / reviewed:

Legionella (Water) Risk Assessment: The practice has conducted its water safety risk assessment to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors or staff.

The Infection Prevention Society (IPS): The practice has conducted its annual IPS audit to ensure infection control measures are adhered to by practice staff

Training

All our staff receive annual training in infection prevention and control.

Infection Control Leads have an annual update. Information is then disseminated to the clinical and non-clinical team within staff meetings.

The team either attends an annual Infection Control Update or completes an annual e-learning update.

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, and 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 annual basis.



Responsibility

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

Responsibility for Review

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

Gemma Poolman (Practice Manager):

Lauren Bellerby (Dental Nurse & Infection Control Lead):

Review date: 01/04/2019

For and on behalf of The Smile Clinic