

University Medical Group

INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT 2023

University Medical Centre

Purpose

The annual statement will be generated yearly. It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our Significant Event procedure)
- The annual infection control audit summary and actions undertaken
- Details of staff training (both as part of induction and annual training) with regards to infection prevention & control
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.

Background:

The University of Reading Medical Group lead for Infection Prevention & Control is:

- Sarah Jackson – Nurse Manager

who is supported by:

- Louise Stoney – Nursing associate
- Lorraine Watkinson - Practice Manager

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

Significant events:

In the past year 2022/23 there has been no significant events that are related to infection prevention & control.

Audits:

Infection control audits were undertaken by: Sarah Jackson & Lorraine Watkinson
January 2023

Actions from this included:

- Replacement of pedal bins in various clinical rooms
- Replacement of 1 waiting room chair
- Replacement of 1 broken hand sanitiser unit
- An audit of daily cleaning was undertaken

Annual audits completed on handwashing and PPE compliance – no issues identified

Staff training:

The infection control lead delivers Infection, Prevention and Control induction training to all new starters and annual infection control.

The infection control lead from the Clinical Commissioning Group delivered the annual updates to the practice staff. 90% of staff have completed an infection control update training session in the last 12 months.

Infection Control Advice to Patients:

Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout the Medical Centre/Surgery.

Policies, procedures and guidelines.

Documents related to infection prevention & control are reviewed in line with national and local guidance changes and are updated 2-yearly (or sooner in the event of new guidance).