Chawton Park Surgery

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Purpose:

This annual statement is produced in January for the previous calendar year. The purpose is to summarise the following infection control activity within the Practice:

- Any serious communicable infections reported in members of the Practice Population over the year
- Any significant events relating to infection control reported in the Practice
- Infection control audits undertaken and action taken
- Details of infection control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training
- Cleaning organisation and procedures

Organisation:

The Infection Prevention and Control (IP&C) Lead for the Practice attends the local IP&C meetings managed by Jacky Hunt, IP&C Manager for Southern Health. At this time these are being held virtually via Microsoft Teams twice a year.

Serious Communicable Infections:

MRSA: 1 case

C-difficile: 4 cases

E Coli: 2 cases

Significant Events:

There were no significant events reported within the Practice relating to infection prevention and control

Infection Control Audits:

No Audits were carried out this year

Risk Assessments:

The Practice admitted patients back into the waiting room this year for the first time since the start of COVID. The following procedures were put in place:

- Chairs in the waiting room were spaced to allow a 2m gap between patients. Each chair was cleaned with a clinell wipe between patients
- Screens were put up at reception to protect admin staff
- Patients were advised to wear a mask in the building unless medically exempt
- All patients wanting a GP appointment were triaged by the GPs before being admitted into the building

- All clinical appointments were spaced to allow for cleaning and decontamination of the clinical rooms between patients
- Staff areas: staff wore masks at all times and the number of staff in the rest room at any time was restricted to 3

Staff training

At time of publication of this annual statement

100% of clinical staff have undertaken an annual update in infection prevention this year

100% of non-clinical staff have undertaken an update in infection prevention in the last 3 years

The training package used is Bluestream (online).

Cleaning

Cleaning is sub-contracted to a private cleaning company. The cleaners work to a written schedule and have sign sheets to indicate which areas they have cleaned each day.

Cleaning plans/schedules have been updated and agreed with the Practice manager.

The practice manager is responsible for liaising directly with the cleaning company where there are cleaning deficiencies or any identified problems.