

## Junction/ Alkrington Surgeries – Infection Prevention and Control

### **INTRODUCTION**

This page sets out objectives, action and role regarding Infection control

### **Policy Statement**

This practice is committed to the control of infection within the building and in relation to the clinical procedures carried out within it.

The practice will undertake to maintain the premises, equipment, drugs and procedures to the standards detailed within the Checklist and will undertake to provide facilities and the financial resources to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to reduce or remove all infection risk.

Wherever possible or practicable the practice will seek to use washable or disposable materials for items such as soft furnishings and consumables, e.g. seating materials, wall coverings including paint, bedding, couch rolls, modesty sheets, bed curtains, floor coverings etc, and ensure that these are laundered, cleaned or changed frequently to minimise risk of infection.

### **Proposals for the Management of Infection Risk**

Members of staff leading Infection Control are Dr F Thomason and Nurse Sheila Cochrane with Practice Manager Joanne Wakeman

Gina Kennedy is responsible for cleaning at Junction surgery including the provision of cleaning supplies within clinical/ non-clinical areas

Elite Cleaning employed by Eric Wright are responsible for cleaning at Alkrington surgery including the provision of cleaning supplies within clinical/ non-clinical areas

HCA Suzanne Richardson is responsible for ensuring that all items remain “in date”

- We endeavour to follow: ‘The Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice on the Prevention and Control of Infections.’

The following general precautions will apply:

- A daily, weekly, monthly and 6 monthly cleaning specification will apply and will be followed by the cleaning staff
- Infection Control training will take place for all staff (new recruits within 4 weeks of start) on a regular basis and will include hand washing procedures.
- Hand washing posters are displayed at each clinical hand basin and toilets.
- An Infection Control Inspection by the above named staff, using the Infection Control Checklist, will take place on a quarterly basis and the findings will be reported to the partners’ for (any) remedial action.
- Patients are encouraged to report any issues that they believe may constitute an infection risk, to the Practice Manager

An Annual Statement will be produced and will include:

- Any significant events relating to infection control
- Results of the infection control audit and its subsequent action plan
- A review of policies, procedures and guidelines

**January 2017** – No significant events relating to infection control

Action Plan in progress following infection control audit

Policies, procedures and guidelines are being updated

### **Audits**

- An Infection prevention and control audit was done at Junction on 19/12/2016 resulting in an invitation for an outside audit.
- An outside audit of the surgery was performed by Kevin Lawler - Infection Prevention and Control lead Rochdale/Oldham/Middleton on 26/01/2017 – an action plan is in place. A follow up audit is planned for June 2017.
- A Hand Hygiene Audit has been undertaken by Sheila Cochrane on 16/01/2017. Although not a 100% pass rate, most staff were well aware of hand hygiene policy and decontamination. In cases whereby all criteria were not met, education and advice was provided.

The infection control audit was carried out in January 2017, action being taken following this:

- Infection control training updates will take place annually in the form of online Bluestream training.
- Daily cleaning schedules have been updated for all clinical and treatment rooms
- The cellar is being made available for storage of cleaning equipment
- An outside compound now in place for safe storage of clinical and other waste
- Hand washing posters are in all rooms and toilets
- Alcohol hand gel to be available in the corridor for visitors
- Sharps boxes correct colours in place with instructions on the walls in all clinical areas
- High fixture, fittings all visibly cleaned