

Junction/ Alkrington Surgeries – Infection Prevention and Control May 2019

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 J Martin and Nurse Sheila Cochrane until May 2019 then Dr J Martin 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

Tenon 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 12 monthly 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

May 2019 – No significant events relating to infection control

Action Plan in progress following infection control audit in March 2019

Policies, procedures and guidelines are being updated

Audits

- An Infection prevention and control audit was done at Junction & Alkrington in March 2019.
- A report has been done & action plan put into place
- A Hand Hygiene Audit has been undertaken by Sheila Cochrane in May 2019.

The infection control audit was carried out in March 2019, 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 at Junction is available for storage of cleaning equipment
- An outside compound is in place for safe storage of clinical and other waste
- Hand washing posters are in all rooms and toilets
- Paper towel holders now mounted in all rooms & toilets where there is no hand drier
- Soap dispensers are all wall mounted now
- Chairs are all replaced in the rooms at Alkrington for patients & staff
- Sharps boxes correct colours in place with instructions on the walls in all clinical areas