**Infection Control Annual Statement**

**Clarkson Surgery Wisbech**

16th January 2024

**Purpose**

This annual statement will be generated each year in January in accordance with the requirements of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 code of practice on the prevention and control of infection and related guidance. The report will be published on the practice website and will include the following summary.

* 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 staff training
* Any review and updates of policies, procedures and guidelines.

**Infection prevention and Control (IPC) lead.**

The lead for infection prevention and control at Clarkson Surgery is Lucy Martin (Lead Practice Nurse). The IPC lead is supported by Katy Ellington (Health Care Assistant).

1. **Infection transmission incidents (significant events)**

Significant events involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events.

Positive events are discussed at meetings to allow all staff to be appraised on good practice.

Challenging events are managed by the staff member involved. This person will complete a significant event form that commences an investigation process to establish what can be learnt and to indicate changes that may lead to future improvements.

All significant events are discussed and reviewed at practice meetings. Any learning points are cascaded to all relevant staff where an action plan, including audits or policy review, may follow.

In the past year there have been 0 significant events raised related to infection control. There have also been 0 complaints made regarding infection control.

1. **Infection prevention audits and actions**

The annual IPC audit was completed by Lucy Martin in November 2023.

An external IPC audit was completed by the lead infection control nurse for the ICB in December 2023. Actions arising from the audit are being followed up within the practice.

In addition to the annual IPC audit the following audits are also performed

* Handwashing audits
* Waste management
* Sharps disposal
* PPE
* Transportation of specimens

1. **Staff training.**

All staff receive IPC training on commencement of their post. Refresher training is provided to all staff on an annual basis.

1. **Policies and procedures.**

The infection prevention and control policy for the Clarkson Surgery has been updated in January 2024 and will be update on an annual basis.

All IPC policies are available for staff to view and are updated or amended on an ongoing basis as per current advice, guidance and legislation changes.

1. **Responsibility**

It is the responsibility for all staff members to be familiar with the IPC policy and their roles and responsibilities under it.

1. **Review.**

The IPC lead is responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before 16th December 2024.

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