

Annual Infection Control Statement

Introduction

North Norfolk Primary Care (NNPC) is committed to the control and prevention of infection. This statement has been produced in line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and details the practice's compliance with guidelines on infection control and cleanliness over a period up to and including 31 August 2019.

Infection Control Lead

The NNPC clinical lead for infection control is **Maggie Nobes, Clinical Lead, Enhanced Care Home Team.**

The NNPC non-clinical lead for infection control is **Rachel Arkieson, Corporate Affairs and Governance Manager & Health and Safety Lead.**

The IPC leads are responsible for the local infection prevention and control programme. Briefly, this involves identifying the risks to the organisation, its patients and staff from infection, and taking responsibility for implementing and monitoring actions to manage those risks.



The infection control leads have the following duties and responsibilities:

- develop and manage the annual IPC programme
- lead the organisation's collective responsibility for preventing and controlling infection

- assess the measures needed to reduce such risks
- review all policies, procedures and guidance and if necessary development of new guidance
- oversee the audit programme to demonstrate adherence to policies and guidelines and compliance with clinical procedures
- co-ordinate initial induction and on-going recurrent training for all staff in infection prevention.

The IPC leads will produce an annual statement covering the following list of activities that is available to view on request:

- completed IPC risk assessment
- IPC audits, outcomes and subsequent actions;
- known infection transmission and subsequent actions
- training received by staff
- reviewed and updated policies, procedures and guidance.

Significant Events related to Infection Control

There have been no significant events relating to infection control within the organisation between July 2017 and August 2019.

Audits and risk assessments relating to Infection Control

Audits relating to Infection Control have been undertaken within the organisation during August 2019. Action plans were produced and completed in response to the findings.

Policies, Procedures and Guidance relating to Infection Control

NNPC maintains the upkeep of the following policies, procedures and guidance related to infection control. These policies, procedures and guidance are reviewed and updated every year (if needed), as well as being amended on an ongoing basis to keep up with changes in regulation etc.

- infection control policy
- annual infection control statement

The following policies, procedures and guidance have been reviewed and updated during August 2019:

- infection control policy
- induction policy and checklist
- audit documentation

Training relating to Infection Control

Staff members have received instruction, information or training relating to Infection Prevention and Control at induction and during the year. Staff have access to hand hygiene training annually. A record of this training is kept in the mandatory training schedule and is available for inspection.