**Infection control – annual statement
18/03/2022---18/03/2023**

This statement provides a review of known infection transmission events at Drake Dental Practice. It summarises the audits undertaken and the subsequent actions, the assessment of risks for the prevention and control of infection, the training received by staff, and the review and update of infection control policies, procedures and guidance.

In compliance with good practice on infection prevention and control, a copy of this statement is available to patients on request.

**Known infection transmission events

There have been no known transmission events at the practice**
**Audits**

6monthly infection control audits resulting in :
-increased frequency of servicing to washer disinfectors
 -use of quarterly dipslides to check DUWL water quality
-monthly checks of hot and cold water sentinel taps
-installation of wall mounted soap dispensers
-storage of bite block holders improved
- Legionella risk assessment carried out .

**Risk assessments**The general practice risk assessment and COSHH assessment identify possible risks of infection and the controls in place to manage these risks. The practice infection control policy and associated protocols and procedures further address the need to manage the risk of infection. Each member of staff is aware of the practice risk assessment and COSHH assessment and has received a copy of the practice infection control policy and understands the need for it to be followed routinely.

The practice risk assessment, COSHH assessment and infection control policies and procedures are reviewed and updated on a regular basis. The current assessments were undertaken and policies and protocols reviewed on the following dates:

Practice risk assessment Sept 2023

Practice COSHH assessment Sept 2023

Health and safety policy Sept 2023

Infection control policy Sept 2023

Healthcare waste disposal Sept 2023

Waste preacceptance audit April 2023

Hand hygiene policy Sept 2023

COSHH controls Sept 2023

Decontamination of laboratory items Sept 2023

Transferring contaminated instruments Sept 2023

**Staff training**All members of the team are encouraged to follow their continuing professional development requirements for disinfection and decontamination. The practice provides update and refresher training on the infection control procedures adopted by the practice to ensure that all members of the team are aware of and work to current recommendations. Training in the infection control procedures for the practice is included in the practice induction programme for new staff.

During the last year, the following team and individual training has been undertaken:

In house hand hygiene training- all nursing and clinical staff
- 6 monthly

Decontamination training on waste disposal, blood borne virus transmission, PPE and hand hygiene - all new members of staff
and 6monthly in house training.

**Review and update of policies, procedures and guidance**The practice policies and procedures are reviewed on a regular basis and at least annually to ensure their currency. The practice infection control policies and procedures were reviewed and updated where necessary on 20th September 2018 to reflect the requirements of the Department of Health (England) guidance

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