Huntingdon Road Surgery

**Infection Prevention & Control Meeting – 20 April 2021**

Present: Dr Hayton – IPC Lead, Aben Betancor Diaz- Lead Nurse,

Liz Gohery – Admin

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

**ACTION POINTS**

1. **Legionella/Water checks -**

All checks at Huntingdon Road Surgery are satisfactory. A decrease in hot water temperature was recorded recently at the Girton Surgery, due to the installation of a new combination boiler. The new system has lower risk of water-borne infection (including legionnaires) as there are no reservoirs of water. DMH will review the boiler temperature and update the water check process and paperwork. DMH

1. **IPC Training** –

Aben is providing face-2-face training with for all new employees. The training programme was reviewed in light of COVID, and agreed to continue with no changes. The annual Practice-wide IPD update (usually delivered by the CCG IPC lead nurse(s)) was scheduled in October 2020 but was postponed as the IPC nurses were not available due to COVID pandemic pressures. We plan to hold this in autumn 2021.

AB

1. **Audits**

The audits listed below have been temporarily postponed due to COVID. They will be re-scheduled as normal service resumes.

**A. Prescribing of sharps bins** – postponed

We will add a sharps bin to the repeat list of all patients with sharp items on prescription, and send SMS explaining.

**B. Infections post ear irrigation** – postponed as the practice is not currently providing this service

**C. Infections after minor surgery –** postponed as the practice has only a few urgent cases at the moment

**D. Buildings Inspection –**

The most recent full site inspection (“Infection Control Audit”) was in May2020. All issues were reviewed by the IPC team and our maintenance man, and prioritised. All repairs have been undertaken. Some areas still require routine maintenance and will be addressed in order of priority. The next full site inspection is due May2021. DMH will prepare the audit schedules. Liz will coordinate the inspection.

An additional internal inspection took place in November 2020, to ensure all areas were equipped to follow the COVID guidelines at that time.

Liz/DMH

1. **Healthcare Acquired Infections -**

Nil

1. **CleanSlate Cleaners -**

No issues or concerns have been raised regarding the cleaning standards.

We are not generally seeing high-risk COVID patients, but we do still have room 11 available for that purpose and a system in place for COVID decontamination by CleanSlate.

All clinical rooms are cleaned as appropriate between patients. The nurses have been given extra time in clinics to undertake more thorough cleaning where needed.

1. **IPC Report –**

The Annual Report 2021 is currently being drafted.

DMH

1. **Staff Vaccinations –**

No update since last meeting.

DMH

1. **Corona Virus -**

**Lateral flow testing**

All staff are conducting and recording their regular Lateral Flow Tests results individually. During the pandemic approximately 3-4 staff members reported positive Lateral Flow Tests (in either themselves or a family member). We were able to support them to immediately follow Government guidelines on isolation. Some worked from home during this period.

There were no associated cases of positive tests arising from any of these, which shows our social distancing measures are effective.

**Social distancing**

Social distancing, facecoverings (for non-clinical contacts and for use in shared areas of the practice), full COVID PPE (for clinical contacts), “telephone first” and regular hand washing/santisation are all thoroughly embedded in our ways of working. There have been no COVID outbreaks.

Where possible, staff members continue to work from home.

**Vaccination clinics**

All volunteers taking part in a Vaccination Clinics are conducting a Lateral Flow Test at the commencement of their shift.

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**New SOP’s/Policies**

During COVID 2020 Aben developed new policies regarding Uniforms and Patient Flow during COVID. These will be added to the IPC documents.

Aben

**DN’s Room –**

De-cluttering of the old District Nurses room has taken place and PCs have been installed. Renovations are still in progress and expect to be finalised soon. The room is available as an additional Administration Office.

**Girton –**

Renovations are well underway, which will address previous IPC shortfalls. All designs are to IPC standards and DMH has had input with these throughout. The dispensary are is complete, with the Dispensary fully open. The clinical areas are expected to be completed at the end of the month.

DMH/AB

**Next meeting TBC–**

**Dates for Diary**

Date of Review Needle Stick Policy – January 2021 Action DMH

Annual Report – In progress Action DMH

Date of review of IPC Policy – June 2021 Action DMH

Date of Review of Waste Management Policy – June 2021 Action DMH

cc:

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