Huntingdon Road Surgery

**Infection Prevention & Control Meeting – 12 November 2019**

Present: Dr Hayton – IPC Lead, Jane Marchant - Lead Nurse,

Liz Gohery – Admin, Abi – Student Nurse

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

**ACTION POINTS**

1. **Legionella/Water checks -**

A review of the Risk Control of Legionella methods was undertaken in June. All processes and recordings are working well. Outstanding maintenance jobs have been scheduled and some items are in the process of completion. A new shower head is to be ordered for the staff shower.

1. **IPC Training** –

All staff members have attended their annual hand washing training, including recent new employees. The induction programme for new employees is highlighting who requires the training and prompting the need to schedule this.

1. **Audits**

**A. Prescribing of sharps bins** –

A further audit (round 3) of the prescribing of sharps bins took place. The result concludes that 49% of patients who have a sharp device on repeat prescription have a sharpsbin or needle cutter on repeat. This is an improvement from the last audit cycle (37%) but there is still work to be done. To be discussed in a Monday meeting.

**JM**

**B. Infections post ear irrigation** - Audit in June 2019 showed infection rate is well below expected, despite a change to our process for routine cleaning of the ear irrigation machines. We will continue our current practice.

**C. Infections after minor surgery –** Audit in June 2019 of 45 minor surgery procedures showed no patients requiring a prescription for antibiotics in the immediate post-op period. This was with standards.

1. **Healthcare Acquired Infections -**

None reported since last meeting in June.

Discussion about the need to raise awareness of reporting of HAIs. We agreed that for a trial period this item will be included in Monday meeting (part 1) as a standing item.

**JM**

1. **CleanSlate Cleaners -**

The cleaning schedules have been reviewed by DMH and agreed that these are appropriate. The IPC policy has been updated.

We will send a reminder to all staff about the clear desk policy. Jane is to inspect the Nurses clinical room in Girton. **DMH/JM**

1. **IPC Report –**

The Annual Report July 2019 has been completed and is available to view on the Huntingdon Road Surgery website.

1. **AOB**

**Latex-Free Gloves -**

We discussed a proposal that the Practice should become latex-free. Currently the Practice routinely uses latex gloves both for examinations and (sterile latex gloves) for procedures. Signage is in place to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to patients who are allergic to latex, and all patients due to undergo minor surgery are asked about allergy.

It was agreed that a better option would be to remove latex from site. JM will investigate.

**JM**

**Staff Vaccination -**

We want to check that all staff have the appropriate level of protection. All staff members will be asked to provide details of their vaccination history and our occupational health company (Corazon) will advise individuals directly.

All staff have been offered free annual ‘flu’ vaccination.

**DMH**

**Next meeting – 04 February 2020**

**Dates for Diary**

Date of Review Needle Stick Policy – January 2020

Annual Report – July 2020

Date of review of IPC Policy – June 2021

Date of Review of Waste Management Policy – June 2021

cc:

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