

Infection Control Policy





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Introduction

This document sets out the surgery policy on Infection Control and should be used with reference to the principles outlined in the Infection Control protocol and the Infection Control Inspection Checklist.

Policy Statement

This practice is committed to the control of infection within the building and in relation to the clinic procedures carried out within it.

The practice will undertake to maintain the premises, equipment, drugs and procedures to the standards detailed within the checklist and will undertake to provide facilities and the financial resources to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to reduce or remove all infection risk.

Where possible or practical, the practice will seek to use washable or disposable materials for items such as soft furnishings and consumables e.g. seating materials, wall coverings including paint, bedding, couch rolls, modesty sheet, bed curtains, floor coverings, towels etc., and ensure that these are laundered, cleaned or changed frequently to minimise risk of infection.

Proposals For Management

- The clinician responsible for infection control is Julia Shipley
 - The Nurse Infection Control Lead is
 - Riverside – Emma Simons
 - Trent View – Louise Sandel
 - The lead cleaner responsible for Infection Control
 - Riverside – Lorraine Stothard
 - Trent View – Shaun Connell
 - All cleaners under supervision of Team Leader
 - Riverside – Lorraine Stothard
 - Trent View – Shaun Connell
- HCA's at each site will be responsible for the maintenance of personal protective equipment and the provision of personal cleaning supplies within clinical areas.
- Team Leaders at each site will be responsible for the maintenance of the provision of personal cleaning supplied within non-clinical areas.



- All HCA, under supervision of Julia Shipley, Nursing Team Leader will be responsible for the maintenance of sterile equipment and supplied, and for ensuring that all items remain 'in date'.

The Following General Precautions Will Apply

- A daily, weekly and monthly cleaning specification will apply and be followed by cleaning staff.
- A random and unannounced infection control inspection by the Infection Control Lead or HCA will take place on a monthly basis and the findings will be reported to the partners meeting for any action.
- Infection control training will take place for all staff on an annual basis and will include the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and the safe use and disposal of sharps.
- Infection control training will take place for all new recruits within the first year of employment.
- Handwashing posters will be displayed at each designated hand basin, including access to soap, sanitiser and moisturising cream.
- The practice will ensure that all staff has access to sufficient and appropriate supplied of materials for hand decontamination, PPE, and sharps containers.

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