

# INFECTION CONTROL STATEMENT

## Emmer Green Surgery

### Infection Control Policy Statement

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

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

Wherever possible or practicable 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 sheets, bed curtains, floor coverings, towels etc., and ensure that these are laundered, cleaned or changed frequently to minimize risk of infection.

The ability to clean effectively will be taken into account at the time of purchase.

### THE MANAGEMENT OF INFECTION RISK

The clinician responsible for Infection Control is Hayley Collinson, Nurse Lead.

The non-clinician responsible for Infection Control is Samantha Adams, Practice Manager.

Hayley Collinson will be responsible for the maintenance of personal protective equipment and the provision of personal cleaning supplies within clinical areas

Samantha Adams will be responsible for the maintenance of the provision of personal cleaning supplies within non-clinical areas

Hayley Collinson will be responsible for the maintenance of sterile equipment and supplies, and for ensuring that all items remain “in date”

The nominated lead for managing Legionella risk is Samantha Adams, Practice Manager.

The following general precautions will apply:

A daily, weekly, monthly and 6 monthly cleaning specification will apply and will be followed by the cleaning staff.

Online Infection Control training will be undertaken every three years by all staff.

Infection Control Training will take place for all new recruits within 4 weeks of start.

Hand washing posters will be displayed at each designated hand basin.

Infection Control standards will be monitored on an annual basis and the findings will be reported to Practice meeting for (any) remedial action

# **INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT 2018/19**

## **Purpose**

The annual statement will be generated in April each year and this statement covers April 2020-march 2021.

## **It will summarize:**

Any infection transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our Significant Event procedure)  
The annual infection control audit summary and actions undertaken  
Control risk assessments undertaken  
Details of staff training with regards to infection prevention & control  
Details of infection control advice to patients  
Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.

## **Background:**

The Emmer Green Surgery Lead for Infection Prevention /Control is Hayley Collinson, Nurse Lead who is supported by Samantha Adams, Practice Manager.

This team keep updated with infection prevention & control practices and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.

## **Significant events:**

In the past year April 2020 to March 2021 there have been no significant events that related to infection prevention & control.

## **Audits:**

An infection control audit has been completed with details actions and responsibility for completing those actions.

Covid -19 Compliance Audit for Primary care took place 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021- After this improvements and changes made to improve infection control.

## **Risk Assessments:**

Regular risk assessments are undertaken to minimize the risk of infection and to ensure the safety of patients and staff. The following risk assessments related to infection prevention & control have been completed in the past year and any appropriate actions have been taken:

- Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH)
- Disposal of waste
- Infection Control
- Monthly water checks for legionella
- Sharps Injury

## **Staff training:**

2 non clinical new staff, 1 clinical and two locum GPs have joined the Emmer green Surgery in the past 12-months and received basic infection control and hand-washing training within one month of employment.

100% of the Practice Clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training both face to face and online.

100% of the Practice non-clinical staff have completed their annual infection prevention & control update training.

The Infection Control Lead attended training updates 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and awaiting update to attend again in the next six months for their role provided the Infection Prevention & Control Nurse for Berkshire West CCGs).

**Infection Control Advice to Patients:**

Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand Gel/Sanitizers dispensers that are available , Wash hand, maintain social distancing and wearing a protective face Covering i.e. surgical mask throughout the Medical Centre/Surgery.

Patients are requested to only visit the surgery after their problems have been triaged first over the telephone.

There are various informative leaflets/posters available in the surgery covering the following areas:

- Influenza
- Shingles
- The importance of immunisations (e.g. in childhood and in preparation for overseas travel)
- Smoking
- Stress

**Policies, procedures and guidelines.**

Documents related to infection prevention & control are reviewed in line with national and local guidance changes and are updated 2-yearly (or sooner in the event on new guidance).