



Langham Place Surgery

Annual Infection, Prevention & Control Statement. 2019

IPC Team

Ashley Sayers, Paramedic practitioner, IPC Lead.

Kate Ferrison, Lead Nurse, Cold Chain Lead.

Mel Boodhun, Practice Nurse, Cold Chain lead.

Geri Stubbs, Admin Support

Policies, procedures and guidance

Current IPC policy and annual statement are available on the practice website and on the Practice FPM site for staff. Policies were reviewed in June 2019.

Infection transmission incidents

No cases of actual transmission of infection have been reported.

Significant events

A significant event was raised in November 2019 when a refrigerator containing vaccines was logged as being between 1°- 2° above the recommended temperature for vaccine storage. After informing and discussing with the various Vaccine manufacturers and notifying the Practice Manager and Registered Manager, it was decided that in order to ensure safe viable vaccines were administered, all would be disposed of and replaced.

After this significant event, it was also decided to purchase a new refrigerator to further reduce the risk of any further occurrences.

This event did show us that we have an effective cold chain system in place to ensure our patients received safe treatment.

Audits

Then annual IPC audit was carried out by Ashley Sayers in June 2019 and a subsequent action log has been created for the coming year.

Risk assessments

A risk assessment was carried out and discussed in a meeting regarding patient seating. As the chairs were all fabric and could not be adequately cleaned to the Practices expectations on a regular basis, it was decided to replace all patient seating with wipe clean surfaces to reduce risk of spreading infection.

Staff training

All staff undertook face to face infection control training on the 12th June 2019 and also complete an annual online IPC module on Bluestream Academy.