



Infection Control Annual Statement

1st April 2018– 31st March 2019

1. PURPOSE

In line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of practice on prevention and control of infection and its related guidance, this Annual Statement will be generated each year. It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any lessons learnt and action taken
- Details of any infection prevention and control (IPC) audits undertaken and any subsequent actions taken arising from these audits
- Details of any issues that may challenge infection prevention and control including risk assessment undertaken and subsequent actions implemented as a result
- Details of staff IPC training
- Details of review and update of IPC policies, procedures and guidance.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

From April 18- March 19 there were two confirmed outbreaks:

Briarwood – Meadows Unit

Outbreak of influenza reported 09.02.19 – 14.02.19. Three residents and three staff were reported to have symptoms. The outbreak lasted for a period of six days from initial reporting of symptoms. As per Mental Health Concern policy; notices were placed on the external door, all non-essential visits cancelled, all families advised of the outbreak and asked to ring daily for an update. Hospital appointments cancelled. Staff all wearing personal protective equipment as required. Hand gel placed at the entrance of the unit and the main building, public health department contacted and residents with symptoms were nursed in their rooms until symptoms passed.

Two residents who had influenza deteriorated during this time frame and required hospital admissions. One resident had been diagnosed with pneumonia and returned to Briarwood following treatment. The other resident who had lung cancer was also diagnosed with aspirated pneumonia and did return to the service to receive end of life care and passed away 02.03.19.

Lessons learnt: - It was believed that staff caught the virus initially from family member, however one staff member continued to work when symptoms first began. Advised that removing herself from the clinical environment as soon as the symptoms began is the best course of action.

Briarwood will have their next scheduled family carers meeting in April 2019. This meeting will highlight the importance of infection prevention to family members and the newly amended policy and guidelines on visiting will be used as part of this discussion, to reinforce the importance of infection prevention to family members.



Briarwood – Millview Unit

Outbreak of diarrhoea and vomiting reported on 25.10.18. Two residents and one staff member were reported to have symptoms. First episodes reported by a staff member and a resident on 24.10.19 and second episode reported by resident on 25.10.18. No further cases reported. Staff member sent home immediately on sick leave once they had reported symptoms at the beginning of their nightshift on the 24.10.18. Hand gel placed at the entrance of the unit and the main building and residents with symptoms were nursed in their rooms until symptoms passed.

Lessons learnt: Service manager unable to identify exact source however during her investigating this, a nurse working on the late shift of the 23rd October reported that she had addressed standards of practice with a support worker who was preparing food for residents for not correctly washing her hands when preparing food. Service manager also discussed this with the staff member to reinforce the importance of high standards of hand hygiene are adhered to at all times.

3. AUDITS

A total of 25 audits were undertaken across all of our services throughout the year. These audits were carried out by Control of Infection Link Nurses.

Findings from the audits showed areas for improvement with specific areas scoring below 75% (sluice, environment, bedrooms, hand hygiene, waste management and outbreaks).

Action plans were generated by individual teams to improve infection control standards within the above areas with the clinical governance officer monitoring the completion of action plans and areas for improvement being discussed at the Control of Infection Practise Group.

The only action plan we had in place from this quarters audit was for Alderwood service (section 4 sharps) this action has now been complete.

The following audit tool was used to undertake the above audits:



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5. STAFF TRAINING

The following table provides numbers of staff that have attended Infection Control training within the last year, including numbers who overdue:

Service	Staff Numbers	Number OK	Number Overdue
Alderwood CCBT	7	0	0
Alderwood Respite & Assessment	23	21	2
Alderwood South Riding	19	17	2
Briarwood Meadows	25	22	3
Briarwood Millview	19	14	5
Coalway Lane	13	12	1
Jubilee Mews	13	10	3
McGowan Court	14	11	3
Oakwell	12	12	0
Pinetree Lodge	40	34	6
HWCS – Gateshead	6	5	1
HWCS – Newcastle	7	5	2

Last year all services took part in International Infection Prevention Week (IIPW) from October 14th-20th, 2018. The aim of this being to raise the profile of infection prevention within services. The theme this year was 'Protecting Patients Everywhere'. With this broad theme, services looked at a range of topics to promote in practice, which were led by our Link Nurses.

Topics included, hand hygiene, the use of personal protective equipment, hand washing techniques, influenza outbreaks, antibiotic use. The topics were promoted in practice using a range of activities such as infection prevention quizzes, poster displays, information boards, practical exercises which were organised during the above date.

6. POLICIES, PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES

Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated bi-annually, and are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes.

Infection Control policies are circulated amongst staff for reading and discussed at meetings on an annual basis.

All Infection Prevention and Control related policies are in date for this year.

Our Guidelines on visiting policy (CM029) has recently been reviewed and now has an additional section on infection control measures our visitors must adhere to.



Estates and Facilities Alert (EFA/2019/001) Portable Electric Fans issued in January 2019 – guidelines for MHC services has been developed and this will be reviewed by our Control of infection Link nurses at the next Control of Infection Practice Development Group before implementation.

8. COMMUNICATION

The infection control annual statement will be reviewed and updated annually but is amended accordingly /updated on an ongoing basis as current advice and guidelines change.

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