



Infection Control Annual Statement 2022-2023

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in May. It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our Significant Event procedure)
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken and actions undertaken
- Details of any control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Background

East Sussex Medical Events Service has one lead for Infection, Prevention and Control, Wayne Sturt.

Wayne Sturt keeps updated on infection control and shares necessary information with the staff by use of the messaging system on our 'Shiftplanner' system and email.

Significant Events

In the past year (1.3.22 – 31.3.23) there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

Audits

An audit on Minor Injuries treatments was undertaken by Wayne Sturt in May 2023. No infection risks were reported.

In Dec 2022 an Infection Prevention and Control audit was completed by Managing Director Wayne Sturt. Policies and procedures were assessed and are still operational. Any inadequacies that were noted and these have been worked upon to ensure compliance. We will aim to do more to share information with our clients and will therefore place a copy of this Annual Statement on our company website.

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so best practice can be established and then followed.

Cleaning specifications, frequencies and cleanliness of equipment

Wayne Sturt has led a review on cleaning specifications and frequencies, infection control and cleanliness of equipment. The staff have been on board with this risk assessment. New procedures have been put in place to ensure cleaning specifications and frequencies are adequate for an ambulance environment. Policies have been updated in relation to Covid-19 and carried out by staff.

Staff training

Staff are trained on vehicle and personal hygiene on induction and monitored during normal working shifts by the management team.

Relevant members of the clinical team attend/will attend update training for Infection Prevention and Control where appropriate.

Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are reviewed and updated regularly if appropriate. However, all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice changes.

Wayne Sturt

T/A East Sussex Medical Events Service

25 May 2023