

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR INFECTION CONTROL for Sunflowers Care Ltd

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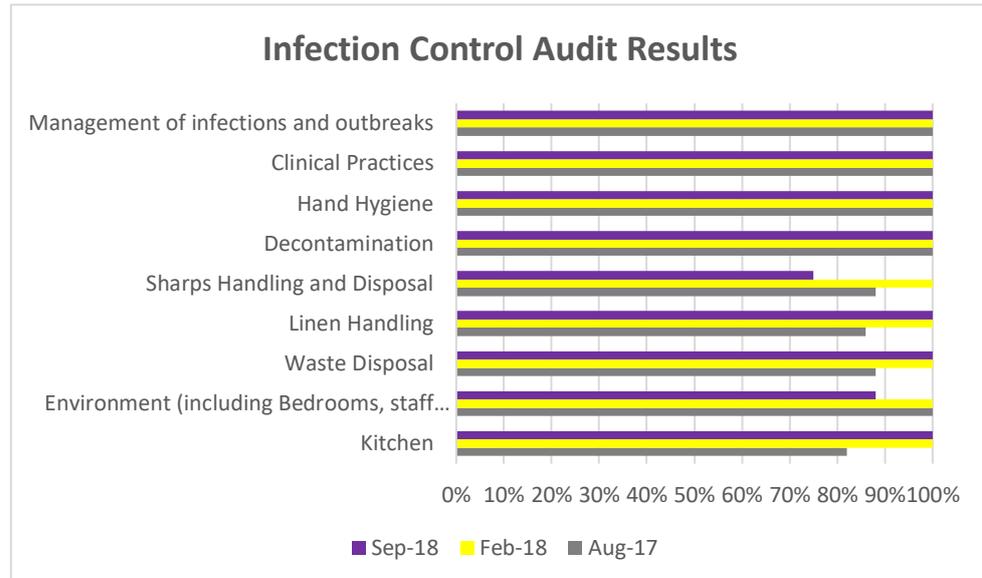
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Outbreaks of Infection

In the last 12 months there have been no reportable outbreaks of infection at Sunflowers Care Ltd.

Stool and urine testing on our long-term young people have been negative when tested in the labs as part of clinically required tests.

Audits



Compliance with the audit standards continues to be very high. All clinical practices observed during the audit reflect infection control guidelines and reduce the risk of infection in clients, whilst providing protection to all staff. All equipment that was used and the surrounding environment is decontaminated appropriately to negate risk of cross infection. All cleaning was documented appropriately and a through record kept. In addition, the audit demonstrated that all waste is disposed of safely, without risk of contamination or injury.

During the last 12 months we have had a number of children with known infections when arriving at Sunflowers but have had no reportable outbreaks of infection or cases of cross contamination. There has been no cases of children with long term infections where their disease has become active.

Audits are undertaken every 3 months. We will be having an external infection control audit in February 2019 to ensure practice is excellent and current.

Areas of infection control which require improvement:

- All staff to be reminded that wash bowls should be stored upside down and no flannels should be in the bathroom
- All staff to be reminded that sharps boxes on assembly should be signed and dated and location written on the label

Recommendations for action:

1. Present audit findings and conclusions at next Staff Meeting

2. Write in communication book results of audit and remind staff of key actions for improvement specifically sharps box and wash bowls
3. Re-audit to be undertaken

Risk Assessments

- **Risk Assessments Relating to Infection Control:**
- Child/Young People Becoming Unwell
- COSHH
- First Aid
- Food Poisoning
- Kitchen
- Medication Administration
- Microwave Use
- Paediatric Pressure Ulcers
- Sharps Injuries
- Tracheostomy Management
- Legionella Management

- **Policies relating to Infection Control:**
- Admission Policy
- Clinical Audit Policy
- Clinical Waste Disposal and Storage Policy
- Diarrhoea and Vomiting Policy
- Equipment Policy
- Food Hygiene Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Incident Reporting Policy
- Induction Policy
- Infection Control Policy
- Laundry Management Policy
- Managing and Administering Medicines Policy
- Microwave Policy
- Nutrition Policy
- Oral Care Policy
- Pressure Area Care Policy
- Pseudomonas Policy
- Record Keeping Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Sickness Policy
- Training and Development Policy
- Uniform Policy

**Incidents/
Significant Events**

There have been no incidents relating to infection control over the past 12 months. Any incidents are discussed at regular staff meetings and documented in the communication book, along with any specific action required to improve practice.

Training	<p>100% compliant with infection control training provided by “Health and Safety Group” which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chain of Infection • Food Hygiene • Hand Hygiene • HCAI’s • Legislation • Personal Hygiene • Policies and Procedures • Systems and Schedules <p>All carer’s complete specific competencies for each young person staying at Sunflowers, these are completed yearly and include a module relating to infection control and infection control practices.</p> <p>In the last 12 months, In-house infection control training for staff has commenced on Team Days, this is specific training relevant to Sunflowers and highlights any infection control incidents that have been reported and any specific practices pertinent at that time such as Aseptic Techniques. All staff attend Team Days throughout the year as a part of their mandatory training and continuing practice development.</p>
Review and Update of Policies and Risk Assessments contingency, should delays occur	<p>All policies relating to infection control are up to date and have been reviewed in the last 6 months.</p> <p>All risk assessments relating to infection control are up to date and have been reviewed in the last six months. All actions to minimise a risk have been implemented in a timely manner. 6 nurses have been assessed on their antiseptic non touch technique in order to safely administer and care for young people receiving PN and medication via a central venous line.</p>
Communication	<p>List of link roles on display in the staff room and office, including 1 nurse and 1 carer who are the current link staff for infection control.</p> <p>Any infection control issues are discussed at handover as per handover policy. There are also posters on display regarding hand washing and infection control advice.</p> <p>Infection control education board on display every year for 1 month.</p>