



Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in accordance with the requirements of The Health and Social Care Act 2008 and The Code of Practice on the Prevention and Control of Infections and related guidance. The Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead for Cera Care is Sally Wheeler, Director of Specialist Services. The statement summarises

The period covered

Infection transmission serious incidents reporting.

Details of staff training

Audit Programme

Themes

Updates and any required actions

The period covered

A new IPC committee was established in February 2023 through a collaborative effort involving representatives from different departments. Each member was carefully selected based on their expertise, leadership qualities, and commitment to the organisation's mission.

The committee will serve as a central hub for coordinating efforts across the whole company, ensuring alignment with organisational goals, and producing an annual statement to encapsulate our learnings, challenges, and future objectives. The statement reports on February 2023 to January 2024.

Infection transmission incidents (Significant Events)

For the purpose of this report, a serious incident relating to infection transmission, will be one that affects the ability for Cera Care to deliver a safe and continued service.

During the period of this report, there have been no serious incidents

Audit Programme



An informal internal document and process review took place throughout the statement period. Throughout this process the following was observed;

Reviewed documentation for accuracy and relevance.

Assessed the integration of technology in processes.

Assessed the readability and user-friendliness of the documents to ensure that they adhere to relevant and upcoming regulatory changes.

Identified key areas for improvement.

Assigned actions for necessary changes.

Emphasised the importance of ongoing reviews and established a culture for continuous improvement.

Details of staff training

Infection control training plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety of both service users and our staff within our company's healthcare settings. As such, infection control training is integrated into the induction process for new staff members and is part of our ongoing refresher training too.

Our business demonstrates 91 % compliance in IPC training.

Themes

There were no significant recurring topics or trends observed during the time covered by the statement.

Updates and required actions

During the period covered by this statement, several updates and initiatives were implemented to adapt to changes in regulations and enhance existing policies:

Policy Updates: Existing policies were reviewed and updated to align with changes in regulations and best practices.

New IPC Lead: A new IPC lead was identified to oversee and manage IPC measures effectively.



Quarterly Committee Meetings: Regular quarterly committee meetings were scheduled and documented to ensure continuous review and improvement of protocols.

Amended Observation Monitoring Forms: Observation monitoring forms were revised to not only focus on observing carers washing their hands but also to ensure they are using the correct techniques.

Changes on the internal Recording System (Jarvis): Modifications were made on the Jarvis recording system to accurately document relevant information, likely related to infection control measures.

Integration of IPC into the Digital Care Planning platform (DCP): Risk Assessments (RA), pertaining to IPC were integrated into DCP to ensure comprehensive coverage and mitigation strategies.

Flu and Vaccination Programme: A program was implemented to promote flu vaccination among staff and potentially other relevant populations, aiming to reduce the spread of influenza.

COVID Monitoring Form: A dedicated Google Form (as used by the company) was introduced to facilitate reporting and tracking of COVID and related information.

Improved Communications: Efforts were made to enhance communication channels and strategies within the organisation, likely to disseminate important information related to infection control protocols and updates effectively.

These initiatives collectively demonstrate a proactive approach to staying abreast of regulatory changes, promoting best practices in infection control, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement within the organisation.