

Care Setting Rapid Improvement Tool : GP Surgery/Health Centre

Functional Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Overall Auditors: \_\_\_\_\_

Module: Rapid Improvement Tool

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Standard: The risk of healthcare associated infection is minimised in the Healthcare setting

Question Set: Rapid Improvement Tool - Infection Prevention

Observation: 1

	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
1	Are up to date infection prevention and control policies and guidelines available and accessible by staff? (77, 78, 82)	Check staff can access guidelines and that all documents are dated within the last two years. Also check that the following are included: Hand hygiene, personal protective equipment, sharps handling and disposal, management of contamination injuries, decontamination of equipment, management of blood/body fluid spillage, waste management.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2	Is the environment visibly clean? (15, 20, 52, 53, 80, 84, 86)	Check walls, windows, ceilings, fans and light fittings are free from dust/debris/insects etc.				
3	Are there dedicated hand wash basins available? (15, 53, 80, 82, 90)	Dedicated means for hand washing only. Check for hand wash basin.				
4	Are all items of equipment or supplies stored off the floor? (54)	There should be no equipment or supplies stored on the floor.				
5	Are all work surfaces free from clutter?	Visually check.				
6	Are the disposable couch roll/sheets changed in between patients?	Check with member of staff that couch roll is changed in between patient use.				
7	Are cleaning/disinfectant products available for decontamination of equipment and the environment? (60)	Check there are cleaning and disinfectant products available as per policy and that there are instructions on use e.g. poster.				
8	Are sharps disposed of safely and at the point of use? (20, 81)	Observe practice or ask a member of staff to describe procedure. Also check that clean trays/bins are available and are compatible with the bins in use.				
9	Is a single use apron worn when in contact or anticipated contact with body fluids or contaminated items or significant physical contact? (20, 79)	Observe practice or ask a member of staff to describe procedure.				
10	Are gloves worn when in contact or anticipated contact with body fluids or in potential contact with contaminated items? (20, 79)	Observe practice such as handling of contaminated dressings/cleaning equipment.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11	Are the vaccines stored in a designated vaccine refrigerator which is fit for purpose and is not a domestic type? (39)	Visually check.				
12	Are single use items disposed of following use? (87)	Check a selection on equipment e.g. syringes medicine pots or ask a member of staff about practice.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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13	Are separate waste streams available in accordance with local guidance? (23)	Check that different coloured bags are available e.g. for offensive and infectious/healthcare risk waste.				
14	Is cleaning equipment and machinery left clean and dry after use? (52, 85, 86)	Visually check.				

Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Rapid Improvement Tool - Infection Prevention

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