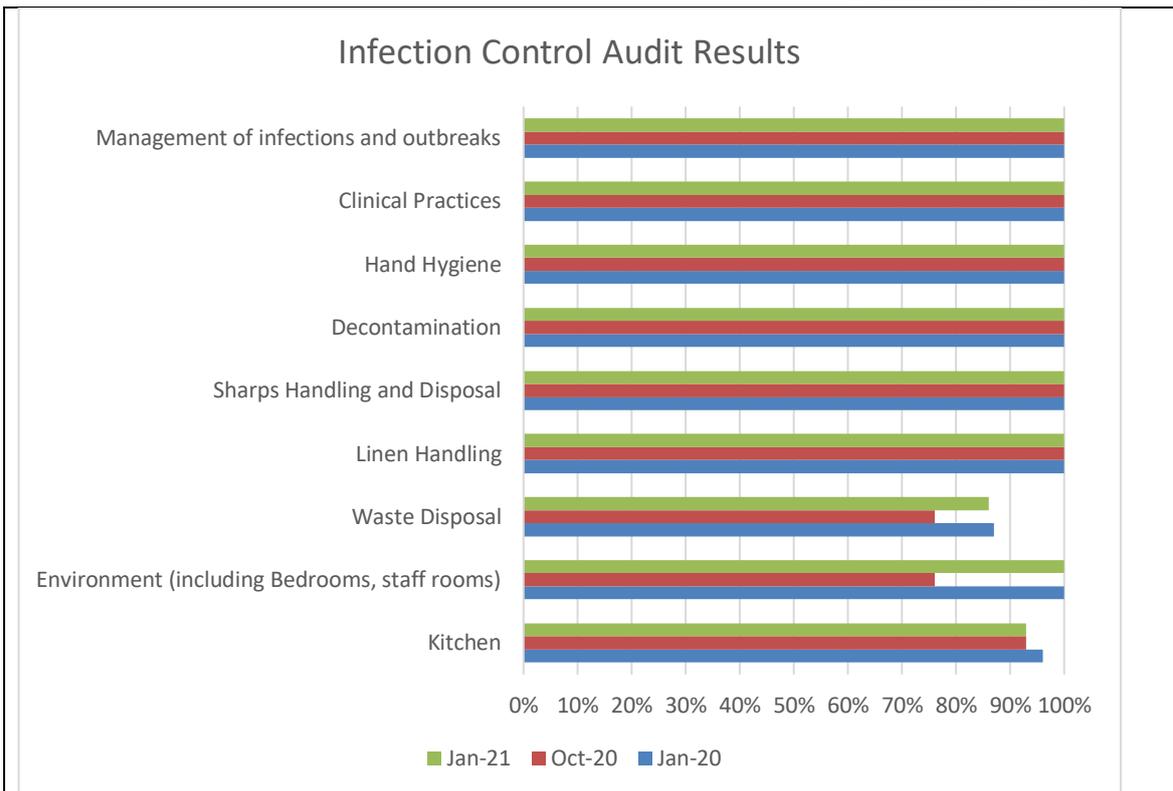


Sunflowers Care

Audit Summary Feedback report

Audit Title: Infection Control Audit	Date: 22 nd January 2021
Standard Audited: Local and national infection control standards (ICNA)	Auditor: Jill Robinson
% Score of compliance: Compliant with standards 85% or above	Level of Compliance: Average 98%
<p>Introduction/Aims/Objectives</p> <p>The key reason for carrying out this audit was to comply with the requirements of Sunflowers Infection control policy (and related policies and procedures) in relation to auditing of infection control practices. Sunflowers also recognise that an audit will help to identify areas of concern as well as areas where good practice can be shared. It will also ensure that all staff involved in infection control are aware of the relevant requirements and ensure efficiency, professionalism and cost effectiveness in all infection control processes and procedures.</p> <p>The aim of this audit is to ensure compliance with the relevant national, regional, professional and local infection control standards.</p> <p>The objectives of this audit are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To give evidence based assurance that infection control standards and best practice is being carried out at Sunflowers 2. To identify any areas of concern within infection control practices 3. To ensure a consistent approach to infection control 4. To highlight areas of good practice 5. To identify areas of concern and develop an action plan to resolve these issues 6. To identify gaps or areas for future training <p>Standards for this audit were derived from relevant national, regional and professional guidelines;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection Control Nurses Association (ICNA) Monitoring infection control standards • Guidelines for Preventing Hospital Acquired Infections Standard Principles (EPIC 2000) • Winning Ways Working Together to Reduce Healthcare Associated Infection in England. Report from the Chief Medical Officer (DH 2003) • NHS National Patient Safety Agency. Patient Safety Alert 2004 	
<p>Results:</p> <p>A clinical audit tool was devised based upon infection control standards. Infection control practices were audited in 9 different areas; Kitchen, Environment, Waste Disposal, Linen Handling, Sharps Handling and Disposal, Decontamination, Hand Hygiene, Clinical Practices, Management of infections and outbreaks.</p> <p>The audit tool was reviewed in December 2017 against current policies and procedures to ensure the audit criteria was up to date. A copy of the audit tool is attached. Infection control practices were audited on a weekday.</p>	



All clinical practices observed during the audit reflect infection control guidelines and reduce the risk of infection to children and young people staying at Sunflowers, whilst providing protection to staff. Compliance with the audit standards has increased from the previous audit (Oct 2020) from 95% to 98%.

There has been an increase in the documentation of cleaning and damp dusting since the last audit, although all areas of documentation were not complete. There were incomplete days both in the month of January 2021 and December 2020 but were much improved from the previous audit.

On questioning staff on shift there was good knowledge of signs of infection and how to report it.

Not included in the audit but noted were the COVID-19 cleaning checks were also incomplete but again much improved from the previous audit with much less gaps in documentation.

Again the consistent findings are that documentation appears to be the main issue.

There have been no outbreaks of infection since the last audit.

6 nurses have completed an on line infection control train the trainer course since the last audit. Under covid restrictions face to face training has been suspended but on line infection control training continues. All staff have completed on line covid training recommended by the local authority.

Education board was completed about the importance of documentation.

The environment Sharps bins

Summary of areas requiring improvement:

Areas of infection control which require improvement;

- All staff to be reminded on the importance of documentation
- All staff to be reminded on the importance of cleaning schedules

Recommendations for action:

1. Present audit findings and conclusions at next Staff Meeting
2. Teaching sessions to be added to team days to increase staff knowledge
3. Communication of audit findings to all staff via email on the importance of documentation
4. Repeat audit in 6 months

Time frame for completion of actions:

All actions to be completed within 6 months