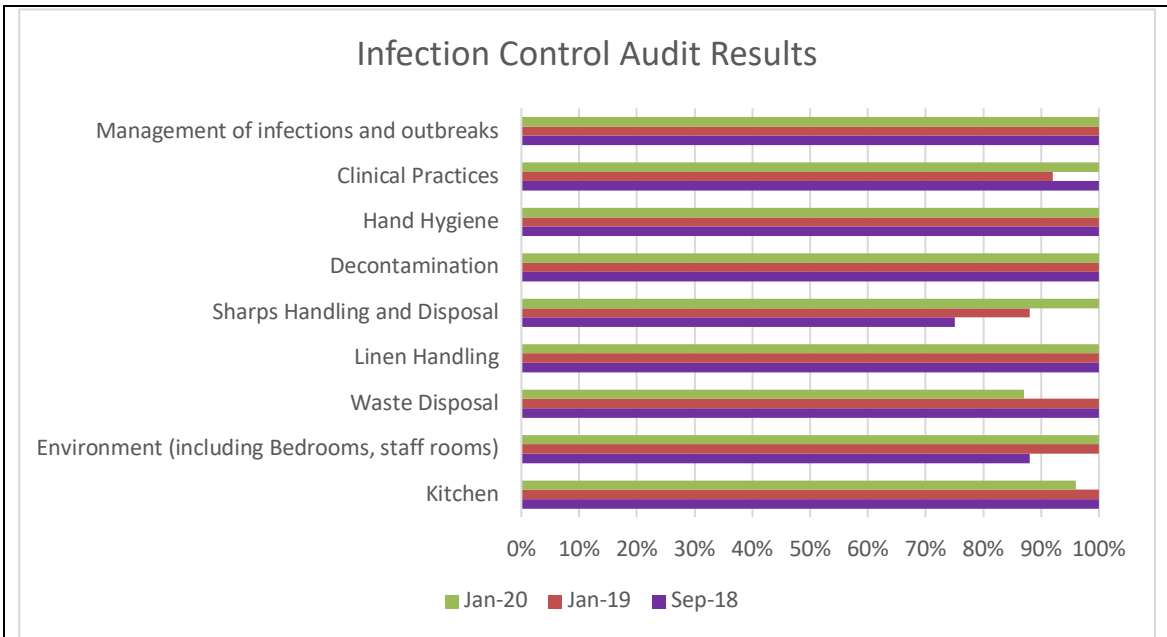


Sunflowers Care

Audit Summary Feedback report

Audit Title: Infection Control Audit	Date: 30 th January 2020
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 improved from the previous audit (Jan 2019) from 92% to 98%.

Compliance with infection control has improved in accordance with the audit findings. Flannels are no longer used with the care team and therefore this has improved the overall rating. Each child now uses dry wipes for bathing with are discarded after use.

Sharps bins which were labelled correctly and too full last year were found to be labelled incorrectly this year.

The fridge in the kitchen was found to be too warm at 6.1°C.

Several resident children have tested positive for various respiratory infections this year. These have been treated in accordance with medical advice. There has been no known transmission of these infections to other children within the Sunflowers environment. No more than 1 child has been diagnosed with the same infection.

Alcohol gel has been removed from use due to COSHH regulations. An alternative is in place that complies with regulations.

Summary of areas requiring improvement:

Areas of infection control which require improvement;

- All staff to be reminded on how to label a sharps bin correctly
- All staff to be reminded that the fridge temperature should be below 5°C and how to reduce fridge temperature

Recommendations for action:

1. Present audit findings and conclusions at next Staff Meeting
2. Discuss results at the management meeting and agree action plan to improve current practice
3. Teaching sessions to be added to team days to increase staff knowledge
4. Audit tool to be evaluated and updated before the next infection control audit
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Time frame for completion of actions:

All actions to be completed within three months – June 2019