



PARES (Personal Assistant and Recruitment Employment Service)

INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT 2020

PURPOSE

This annual statement will be generated each year in January. It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with PARES Infection Prevention and Control Policy.
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken, and any actions taken.
- Details of any infection control risk assessments undertaken.
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

BACKGROUND

Terri Baker – Registered Manager and Carla Evely PARES Officer/ Nominated Person are responsible for ensuring PARES staff have the appropriate infection control training. They also share any information with the staff via supervision meetings or emails.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Between 1st January 2020 – December 31st 2020. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is currently an ongoing local, national and international event. PARES and People Matter IW regularly review and update policies and procedures to ensure the safety of staff and service users.



AUDITS

An Infection Control Audit was carried out on 30.07.2020 with the next advised for end of January 2021. This can be carried out at any time due to ongoing changes.

To ensure our clients are fully informed of our Infection Control audit outcomes a copy of this annual statement will be placed on our website. We will also notify staff of any information they may need to be aware of when supporting our clients This will be communicated via information emails, telephone calls, texts and WhatsApp.

PARES Infection Control Summary

There were no infection transmission incidents, so no action was required to be taken.

An infection control audit was undertaken on 30.07.2020. The majority of actions required were new and updated policies directly related to infection control and prevention to ensure the safety of staff and service users.

Infection Control Risk Assessments are undertaken as a part of the initial PARES Risk and Positive Outcomes Assessment. This is was reviewed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An additional COVID-19 Risk Assessment has been added and used as standard practice. This has been updated at regular intervals in line with local and national guidelines to adapt to the changing situation.

All staff have mandatory online Infection Control training via Care Skills Academy. Due to the pandemic all PA training has been reviewed and updated to include Hand Hygiene and Personal Care(if the PA provides Personal Care support).

To ensure the health and safety of staff and service users some staff have been placed at different times onto the Coronavirus Job Retention scheme. This decision was taken if the risk of infection to a vulnerable service user outweighed the type of support the client receives from PARES. If the staff member was classed as vulnerable or advised to shield or if they had family members that were shielding this was also taken into consideration.

In consultation with the PA, the Service User, their family and carers support was able to continue for some service users. This was following an updated Risk Assessment and Covid Risk Assessment to minimise risk to their safety, health and welfare.

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) disposable masks, gloves, aprons, face shields, antibacterial wipes and disposal bags have been readily available. If the Independent Living Centre has been closed due to the national lockdowns the Registered Manager or PARES Officer have arranged appropriate collection or delivery of the equipment to reduce the amount of people having to travel.

During December 2020 Covid Testing was made available to all PARES employees. This is ongoing and monitored and recorded by the Registered Manager and PARES Officer to ensure the risk of infection is minimised. Again if the staff were unable to collect tests due to the ILC being closed, PARES Management delivered the tests as required to reduce the amount of people having to travel.

At the beginning of January 2021 the Covid-19 vaccine was made available to all frontline Health and Social Care Staff. PARES staff were made aware as soon as we were told and up until today the majority of staff have received the first vaccine with the second due to be administered 12 weeks after the first. Again, this is being monitored and recorded by the Registered Manager and PARES Officer.

The PARES Infection Prevention and Control Policy was updated January and May 2020 with additional detailed policies relating directly to infection control added during May and June:-

Hand Hygiene

Service User Placement Assessments

Personal Protective Equipment

Respiratory and Cough Hygiene

Safe Disposal of Waste

Safe Management of Blood and Body fluids

Safe Management of Care Equipment

Safe Management of Sharps and inoculation injuries

Safe Management of the Care Environment


COVID-19 Compliance and Pandemic

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Signed: 

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TERRI BAKER Dated: **28/01/2021**

