

Annual Infection Prevention & Control Statement 2022 - 2023

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in May, as the Runwood Homes and Sanders Senior Living reporting period is from 1st April to 31st March each year, in accordance with the requirements of The Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of

It summarises:

- An overview of the organisation chart for the management of infection prevention and control in Runwood Homes and Sanders Senior Living
- Any infection transmission incidents and actions taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our accidents/incidents reporting procedures)
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken, and actions undertaken
- Details of any risk assessments undertaken for prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures, and guidelines

Overview

The Director responsible for Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) is Gavin O'Hare-Connolly. All Directors of the Board also strategically lead on Infection Prevention and Control management. These are supported by the Health & Safety Manager, Associate Director of Governance and Regional Operations Directors.

Within care homes, the Home Manager has operational responsibility for Infection Prevention & Control, supported by a full staff team including a minimum of two IPC Leads. Infection Prevention and Control is everyone's business.

Infection transmission incidents and actions taken

At the start of the reporting period, sustained transmission of Covid-19 was underway. Runwood Homes and Sanders Senior Living and all care homes already had robust control measures in place including closing homes where necessary. The companies and care homes continue to respond to changes in the transmission of Covid-19 and other infectious diseases and update policies/procedures and guidelines as required.

We work closely with Infection Prevention Solutions, who support with the ongoing support and development of our Infection Prevention and Control policies and procedures.

Audits

Runwood Homes and Sanders Senior Living already had Infection Prevention & Control audits occurring across care homes each month, which are reviewed by the Governance department as part of the regular monitoring process. Quality audits are also undertaken by an external company to give objective feedback; this is a rolling programme of audits/inspections. Hand hygiene audits, PPE donning and doffing audits continue across all care homes and compliance with wearing PPE correctly is monitored through manager's regular walkabouts across the care home, as well as Regional Operations Directors monitoring on their compliance visits.

Risk Assessments

The Health & Safety Manager works closely with the facilities team, procurement, care homes and Associate Director of Governance to continuously review risk assessments that have been developed. The Human Resources Department has also actively supported care homes with staff risk assessments. Prior to the implementation of the Vulnerable Workers Risk Assessment, managers in head office and across care homes were trained on how to undertake them and identify the relevant control measures required for individual staff.

Care homes have also completed risk assessments for each resident to identify any infection prevention and control measures required to keep residents, their loved ones and staff safe.

Staff Training

Runwood Homes and Sanders Senior Living takes a proactive stance towards training. The uptake of mandatory training is reviewed monthly at the Operations meetings.

All staff are required to complete Infection Prevention & Control training.

As part of the face to face training for Covid-19, staff are given refresher training on recognising the deteriorating resident, managing their care and recognising sepsis, along with the message of taking emergency action.

Policies and procedures

The Infection Prevention & Control policy has been updated as national policy changes, and contains a policy on Covid-19 prevention and management and many areas have been expanded.

The companies continue to monitor infections across all care homes, including the mortality from Covid-19 and scanning for any new infections that may cause harm to our residents or staff.

Vaccinations

Runwood Homes and Sanders Senior Living recognises the important part vaccinations play in preventing serious illness from infections, reducing hospital stays and in many ways, reducing mortality.

We encourage our staff and residents to have the influenza vaccination where indicated and residents and staff to have Covid-19 boosters when they are recommended. Care homes monitor the uptake of Influenza and Covid-19 vaccinations, working closely with residents, families and advocates to improve vaccination uptake.

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