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Inspection report

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Overall summary

We carried out an unannounced focused inspection on 17/05/2016 to ask the service the following question; were medicines managed safely?

Our findings were:

Were medicines managed safely?

We found that this service was managing medicines safely in accordance with the relevant regulations.

Background

We carried out this inspection under Section 60 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 as part of our regulatory functions. This inspection was planned to check whether the service was meeting the legal requirements and regulations associated with the Health and Social Care Act 2008.

The service is an independent corrective eye clinic providing eye treatments including laser treatment, implantable contact lenses, cataract surgery and conductive keratoplasty. The clinic is open every weekday and on Saturdays, with surgery taking place two days a week. One surgeon, one nurse, an ophthalmic technician and administrative staff normally work at the clinic.

The inspection was carried out because concerns were reported to us about medicines management.

Our key findings were:

Medicines were managed safely. The provider had systems and process in place to ensure medicines were stored and administered safely.

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Detailed findings

Background to this inspection

The clinic was inspected on 17th May 2016. The inspection was led by a CQC pharmacist specialist with support from a second CQC pharmacist specialist.

The methods that were used, were interviewing staff, observations and review of documents.

This was a focused inspection to check medicines were managed safely.

Are services safe?

Our findings

Safe and effective use of medicines

We saw all medication was stored securely. Medicines were stored in three places, in the optometrists room in a cupboard, in the theatre in a cupboard and in the medicines refrigerator and each was locked.

Medicines requiring cool storage were stored appropriately and records showed that they were kept at the correct temperature, and so would be fit for use. The provider did not stock any schedule 2 controlled drugs but choose to record the administration of diazepam to patients in a controlled drug register.

Medicines were prescribed by the doctor on preprinted prescriptions which were part of the patients' medical

records. A sample checked showed these were signed by the doctor, with signatures of the staff who dispensed and checked them. If a patient had any allergies this was recorded in a section of their records.

Eye drops supplied to patients were correctly labelled with all the required information and everyone was given an information sheet about their procedure which included details on how to use their eye drops.

All medicines required in an emergency were available for staff to access. Records showed these were normally checked each theatre day and all medicine was in date and fit for use.

The provider had a medicines management policy which detailed the procedures to be followed at the clinic. This policy had been reviewed within the last two years. We were told that a pharmacist from the company which supplied their medicines visited quarterly and was available for support and advice if required.