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Melbourn Dental Practice

Inspection Report

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Overall summary

We carried out a desk based review on 24 November 2015 to check whether the practice had taken action to address a breach of Regulation 12(2)(h) of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014.

Our findings were:

Are services safe?

We found that this practice was providing safe care in accordance with the relevant regulations.

Background

Melbourn Dental Practice provides primary dental care and treatment to patients whose care is funded through the NHS and to patients who pay privately. The service is led by a principal dentist (also the registered manager) and two associate dentists, three registered dental nurses

and a trainee dental nurse. A registered manager is a person who is registered with the Care Quality Commission to manage the service. They have legal responsibility for meeting the requirements in the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and associated Regulations about how the practice is run. The practice manager is also a registered dental nurse and dental health educator. They are supported by a receptionist.

We reviewed the action plan, spoke with the practice manager and requested updated evidence of the actions taken. We found the practice had taken the appropriate action.

Our key findings were:

- The practice had made suitable improvements to the environmental cleaning procedures and to the hand wash sinks in the treatment room.

Summary of findings

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Are services safe?

The practice had taken appropriate action to ensure that cleaning schedules were in place so that the quality of the cleaning could be monitored. Hand wash sinks were compliant with HTM 01-05 guidelines.

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Detailed findings

Background to this inspection

We carried out a desk- based follow up inspection of Melbourn Dental Practice. The purpose of the inspection was to check the practice had addressed a regulatory breach identified during their last comprehensive inspection conducted on 14 January 2015.

This inspection was planned to check whether the provider is meeting the legal requirements and regulations associated with the Health and Social Care Act 2008. Our inspections are conducted under section 60 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 as part of our regulatory functions.

Are services safe?

Our findings

When we inspected this service on 14 January 2015 we found that cleaning procedures were not in line with national guidelines. Hand wash sinks in the treatment rooms did not all meet HTM 01-05 guidelines for the prevention and control of infection. In response, the practice sent us a detailed plan of the actions they would take.

We found that the practice had implemented cleaning schedules that included daily, weekly and monthly tasks for the cleaner and for the dental nurses. These were completed by the appropriate staff and monitored by the practice manager. This gave the practice assurance that the environmental cleaning was being completed.

In addition, the practice upgraded the taps in the clinical hand wash sinks of one treatment room to comply with HTM 01-05 guidelines.