

Michael Daly Dentist

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Inspection report

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Overall summary

We carried out an announced focussed inspection of Michael Daly Dental Practice on 09 April 2015. We had previously inspected in May 2014 and found the service required improvement in the arrangements for cleanliness and infection control.

This inspection was carried out under the new regulations Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 – fundamental standards.

We carried out this inspection to check the processes in place for infection control only. For this reason we have not rated this location or the key question to which this relates.

We found the practice had in place procedures and processes for cleanliness and infection control.

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?

This inspection focussed on safe care and treatment and in particular on infection control. We found the practice had in place processes for assessing the risk of, and preventing, detecting and controlling the spread of infections. These processes ensured a safe and clean environment that prevented the spread of infection.

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Detailed findings

Background to this inspection

Michael Daly Dental Practice is located in the village of Danbury. The practice is an individual dental provider that provides private dental care.

The practice team at Michael Daly Dental Practice comprises of one dentist and a dental nurse/receptionist.

The practice is open Mondays 9am to 1pm, Thursdays 12pm to 4pm and Saturdays 9am to 12pm.

Are services safe?

Our findings

Cleanliness and infection control

The 'Health Technical Memorandum 01-05: Decontamination in primary care dental practices' (HTM01-05) published by the Department of Health sets out in detail the processes and practices essential to prevent the transmission of infections. We observed the practice's processes for the cleaning, sterilising and storage of dental instruments and reviewed their policies and procedures. This assured us that the practice was meeting the HTM01-05 essential requirements for decontamination in dental practices.

We saw that dental treatment room, decontamination room and the general environment was clean, tidy and clutter free. The flooring had been replaced since our last inspection and was made of the recommended material and design so that it could be cleaned easily. The practice had a separate decontamination room where instruments

were cleaned, sterilised and packed ready to be used again. The practice had a well-defined system which separated dirty instruments from clean ones in the decontamination room and in the treatment rooms. We saw that the packs of sterilised instruments were dated with an expiry date in accordance with current HTM01-05 guidelines. The dentist showed us how they checked that the autoclaves (equipment used to sterilise dental instruments) and other equipment, were working effectively. They showed us the paperwork which staff used to record and monitor these checks. These were fully completed and up to date. We saw maintenance information showing that the practice maintained the decontamination equipment to the standards set out in current guidelines.

The practice had personal protective equipment (PPE) such as disposable gloves, aprons and eye protection available for staff and patient use. The decontamination room and treatment rooms all had designated hand wash basins separate from those used for cleaning instruments.