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Appendix 2 - Equality Impact Assessment - Standard Assessment Template

Section A: Assessment

Name of Policy: Varicella Zoster (chickenpox/shingles Infection Control Procedure

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1. The Policy

Is this a new or existing policy?

Update to the existing procedure

What is the purpose of the policy?

To provide a structure and appropriate advice to all UHB staff regarding appropriate procedures for the prevention and management of varicella zoster virus infections (chickenpox and shingles) at all UHB hospitals.

How do the aims of the policy fit in with corporate priorities? i.e. Corporate Plan

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Cardiff And Vale UHB accepts its responsibility under the Health and Safety at Work Act etc. 1974 and the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, to take all reasonable precautions to prevent exposure to varicella zoster in patients, staff and other persons working at or using its premises.

In order to prevent the possible spread of varicella zoster virus amongst patients and staff it is recognised that the UHB requires a procedural document to ensure effective management of infection. This is especially necessary in the case of an infectious incident/outbreak, as detailed in the UHB Infection Control Procedure for Infectious Incidents and Outbreaks.

To reduce the incidence of HCAI ensuring the delivery of safe, effective care and best outcomes for patients and effective management of exposed staff.

Who will benefit from the policy?

Patients and UHB staff will benefit from adherence to the procedure in that the risk of transmission will be reduced and there will be appropriate management of varicella zoster virus at all health board locations.

What outcomes are wanted from this policy?

To provide advice on action required on the admission of a patient known or suspected to have varicella zoster virus infection (chickenpox or shingles).

To provide advice on action required when a case of chickenpox or shingles occurs within UHB hospitals.

To provide advice on the action required during an infectious incident or outbreak situation caused by varicella zoster virus.

To provide advice on the communications necessary whenever a cluster of cases of varicella zoster virus infections develops.

Scope

This procedure applies to all of our staff in all locations including those with honorary contracts

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Are there any factors that might prevent outcomes being achieved? (e.g. Training/practice/culture/human or financial resources)

Implementation of the objectives is dependent on staff awareness of the procedure therefore the level of staff training and education will influence the successful implementation of the procedure. There will no additional cost implication due to the revision of this procedure. No human resources issues have been identified.

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2. Data Collection

An internet search was conducted on 17.07.15 using the following search terms in combination “varicella”, “policy”, “procedure” and “equality impact”. The search revealed several equality impact assessments on varicella. Examples can be found by following the links below:

http://www.google.co.uk/url?url=http://www.medway.nhs.uk/EasysiteWeb/getresource.axd%3FAssetID%3D144283%26type%3Dfull%26servicetype%3DAttachment&rct=j&frm=1&q=&esrc=s&sa=U&ved=0CCMQFjADahUKEwj7nNy9h_TGAhXF7xQKHd27BCg&usq=AFQjCNFRrSBeoTM-S_im_zsYMcFWVifeag

<http://www.northamptongeneral.nhs.uk/WorkforUs/Downloads/EQIAs/EQIAClearanceofStaffinRespectofVaricella.pdf>

<http://www.uhsm.nhs.uk/AboutUs/Policies/Control%20of%20Chicken%20Pox%20and%20Shingles%20Policy%20V2.pdf>

http://www.dbh.nhs.uk/Library/Patient_Policies/PAT%20IC%2015%20v.4%20-%20Chickenpox%20Shingles%20Management%20-%20final.pdf

http://www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/media/233959/managementofchickenpoxandshinglespolicyhh_1_ic64813.pdf

3. Impact

The internet search found several comparable policies all finding no impact.

Do you think that the policy impacts on people because of their age? (This includes children and young people up to 18 and older people)

There was no direct evidence found from the above evidence search that the procedure will have an impact in relation to age. Patients and UHB staff of all age groups will benefit from adherence to the procedure in that the risk of transmission will be minimised and there will be appropriate management of varicella zoster at all health board locations.

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Do you think that the policy impacts on people because of their caring responsibilities?

There was no direct evidence found from the above evidence search that the procedure will have an impact in relation to peoples caring responsibilities.

Do you think that the policy impacts on people because of their disability? (This includes Visual impairment, hearing impairment, physically disabled, Learning disability, some mental health issues, HIV positive, multiple sclerosis, cancer, diabetes and epilepsy.)

There was no direct evidence found from the above evidence search that the procedure will have an impact in relation to peoples disability

Do you think that the policy impacts on people because of Gender reassignment? (This includes Trans transgender and transvestites)

There was no direct evidence found from the above evidence search that the procedure will have an impact because of peoples gender reassignment.

Do you think that the policy impacts on people because of their being married or in a civil partnership?

There was no direct evidence found from the above evidence search that the procedure will have an impact because of peoples marital status or relationships.

Do you think that the policy impacts on people because of their being pregnant or just having had a baby?

There was no direct evidence found from the above evidence search that the procedure will have an impact because of people being pregnant or just having a baby

Do you think that the policy impacts on people because of their race? (This includes colour, nationality and citizenship or ethnic or national origin such as Gypsy and Traveller Communities.)

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There was no direct evidence found from the above evidence search that the procedure will have an impact in relation to peoples race.

Do you think that the policy impacts on people because of their religion, belief or non-belief? (Religious groups cover a wide range of groupings the most of which are Buddhist, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, and Sikhs. Consider these categories individually and collectively when considering impacts)

There was no direct evidence found from the above evidence search that the procedure will have an impact in relation to peoples religious or non-belief.

Do you think that the policy impacts on men and woman in different ways?

There was no direct evidence found from the above evidence search that the procedure will have an impact in relation to peoples gender.

Do you think that the policy impacts on people because of their sexual orientation? (This includes Gay men, heterosexuals, lesbians and bisexuals)

There was no direct evidence found from the above evidence search that the procedure will have an impact in relation to peoples sexual orientation.

Do you think that the policy impacts on people because of their Welsh language?

The procedure for implementation by clinical staff is in English and therefore has a low impact on the welsh language.

4. Summary.

Which equality groups have positive or negative impacts been identified for (i.e. differential impact).

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No negative impacts specific to any equality group have been identified.

Is the policy directly or indirectly discriminatory under the equalities legislation?

The evidence reviewed did not highlight any issues that suggested that the policy would lead to direct or indirect discrimination.

If the policy is indirectly discriminatory can it be justified under the relevant legislation?

Not applicable

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Appendix 3

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Action Plan

Section B: Action

5. Please complete your action plan below. Issues you are likely to need to address include

•What consultation needs to take place with equality groups (bearing in mind any relevant consultation already done and any planned corporate consultation activities?)

No further consultation required

• What monitoring/evaluation will be required to further assess the impact of any changes on equality target groups?

No further monitoring required

Equalities Impact Assessment Implementation Mitigation/Action Plan

Issue to be addressed	Responsible Officer	Action Required	Timescale for completion	Action Taken	Comments
Nil					

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6. Report, publication and Review

Please record details of the report or file note which records the outcome of the EQIA together with any actions / recommendations being pursued (date, type of report etc)

The Infection Prevention & Control Group is responsible for the approval of the procedure and EQIA at their scheduled meeting.

Please record details of where and when EQIA results will be published

On approval of the procedure the documentation will be placed on the intranet and internet

Please record below when the EQIA will be subject to review.

Name of person completing Vince Saunders CNS IP&C

Signed



Date: 17/07/15

Name of Responsible Executive/Clinical Board Director Authorising Assessment and Action Plan for publication

Ruth Walker, Director of Nursing

Date: 17/07/15

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Appendix 4

Executive Summary

The searches and consultation outlined in this document have demonstrated that the VARICELLA ZOSTER (CHICKENPOX/SHINGLES INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURE (2015) does not impact negatively on any specific equality group

Background

The purpose of the procedure is to provide a structure and appropriate advice to staff for the prevention and management of varicella zoster virus at all health board locations.

In order to prevent the possible spread varicella zoster virus amongst patients and staff it is recognised that the UHB requires a procedural document to ensure effective management of infection. This is especially necessary in the case of an infectious incident/outbreak, as detailed in the UHB Infection Control Procedure for Infectious Incidents and Outbreaks.

The scope of the EQIA

The internet search found several comparable procedures all finding no negative impact on any specific equality groups

Key findings

The assessment found no evidence of any negative impact on any of the specific equality groups. On the contrary, patients and all UHB staff will gain from adherence to the procedure in that the risk of transmission of varicella zoster virus will be reduced and there will be appropriate management of varicella zoster virus at all health board locations.

Recommendations

The assessment found no evidence of any negative impact on any of the specific equality groups. As such, there are no changes required to the proposed procedure on the grounds of impact on the specific equality groups.