

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Annual Statement 2022-2023

This annual statement will be generated each year and will summarise :

- Any infection transmission incidents/significant events and actions taken
- Details of staff training
- Details of IPC audits/risk assessments undertaken and actions taken
- Details of IPC advice to patients
- Any review/update of IPC policies and procedures

Significant Events

There were no significant events relating to IPC in the previous twelve months.

Staff Training

All staff received annual IPC training/updating in September 2022

Attendance at monthly IPC webinars, review of IPC updates and implementation of changes.

IPC is standing agenda item on all meetings.

IPC issues/updates are discussed regularly throughout the year in staff meetings.

Staff are encouraged to raise any IPC concerns with the practice manager or IPC lead or link practitioner.

Audits

Sharps Audits

Sharps audits are done every 3 months and the results are feedback to staff at the following meetings.

Hand Hygiene / PPE Donning and doffing audits

Having done monthly Hand Hygiene/PPE donning and doffing audits throughout COVID, since April 2022 we are auditing any new staff only and annually in May each year.

Staff are aware of the importance of hand hygiene in reducing healthcare associated infections.

Aseptic Non-Touch Technique audits

An aseptic technique audit was performed with clinicians who undertake this procedure in June 2022 with excellent results.

Cleaning

Cleaning audits are done monthly

Antimicrobial Prescribing

Antibiotics prescribing is monitored monthly via Open Prescribing data reports and reviewed at clinical (business) meetings.

Whole Practice IPC Audit

In June 2022 the IPC link practitioner undertook a Whole Practice IPC audit. This was reviewed with the IPC lead and Practice Manager on 29th June 2022 and highlighted some areas that needed improvement to ensure compliance with IPC best practice guidance.

IPC Audit Actions completed

New closed bins were purchased for the nurse rooms
Patient triage arrangements were updated in line with changing COVID regulations
Waiting room posters were updated in line with changing COVID-19 regulations

IPC Policy

The IPC Policy has been updated and expanded to provide more detailed information.

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are written when new risks are identified or reviewed when risks change

IPC Advice to Patients

All eligible patients have been invited for relevant immunisations for example flu, pneumococcal, shingles, whooping cough.
Parents/Guardians are sent regular invites/reminders for childhood immunisations.

IPC plans for 2022/23

All staff will be having further IPC updating in September 2022
Continuation of regular scheduled audits
Risk assessments and IPC updates will be ongoing throughout the year.