

IPC Annual Statement 2024

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Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in May in accordance with the requirements of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance. The report will be published on the practice website and will include the following summary:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our significant event procedure)
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken, and actions undertaken
- Details of any risk assessments undertaken for the prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures, and guidelines

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead

The leads for infection prevention and control at Plains View Surgery are Julie Eyley (GP Assistant) & Sherry Sharpe (Deputy Manager).

The IPC Lead is supported by Ann Pillai, Practice Manager.

Infection transmission incidents (significant events)

Significant events involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events.

Positive events are discussed at meetings to allow all staff to be appraised of areas of best practice.

Negative events are managed by the staff member who either identified or was advised of any potential shortcoming. This person will complete a Significant Event Analysis (SEA) form that commences an investigation process to establish what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements.

All significant events are reviewed and discussed in several meetings each month. Any learning points are cascaded to all relevant staff where an action plan, including audits or policy review, may follow.

In the past year there have been 0 significant events raised that related to infection control. There have also been 0 complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

Infection prevention audit and actions

Infection Prevention Audit was completed in December 2023 and resulted in the following actions:-

Reviewed current waste streams and implemented the standard use of Tiger Striped bags (offensive waste) as per NHSE and Improvement Guidelines including newly added orange infectious waste disposal bins.

New waste stream posters created and displayed in all clinical rooms.

All staff have undergone annual Infection Prevention Control training & hand washing audits for all staff completed.

Update re sharps boxes, no longer to be replaced after 3months if not full.

Clinical curtains changed.

Broken towel dispenser covers replaced in rooms 11 & 13.

New consulting rooms added to audit report (13&15).

IPC latest bulletin issues communicated to staff.

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that any risk is minimised to be as low as reasonably practicable. Additionally, a risk assessment which can identify best practice can be established and then followed.

Training

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Plains View Surgery we have implemented all staff receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receive refresher training annually the level of training is dependent on the staff members role and responsibilities.

IPC training in the previous year have been delivered via online training supported by E Learning for Health / PLT.

Policies and procedures

The infection prevention and control related policies and procedures which have been written, updated, or reviewed in the last year include, but are not limited, to:

Infection Prevention Control Policy

Hazardous/Clinical Waste Management policy

Policies relating to infection prevention and control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually. Additionally, all policies are amended on an ongoing basis as per current advice, guidance, and legislation changes.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all staff members at Plains View Surgery to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

Review

The IPC Lead and the Registered Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before May 2025

Signed by

Ann Pillai, Practice Performance Manager