

Infection Control Statement for 2023

Introduction

Drayton Medical Practice is committed to the control of infection within the buildings and in relation to the clinical procedures carried out within each surgery. This statement has been produced in line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and details how Drayton Medical Practice comply with the guidelines on infection control and cleanliness. This annual statement covers the period 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023.

Infection Control Lead

The practice’s clinical lead for infection control is **Claire Chittock, Practice Nurse**.

The practice’s non-clinical lead for infection control is **Lynda Sowter, Dispensary Manager & Health and Safety Lead**.

The IPC Lead is responsible for the local infection prevention and control programme. Briefly, this involves identifying the risks to the practice, its patients, and its staff from infection, and taking responsibility for implementing and monitoring actions to manage those risks.



The Infection Control Lead has the following duties and responsibilities within the practice:

- To develop and manage the annual IPC programme.
- To lead the Practice’s collective responsibility for preventing and controlling infection.

- To assess the measures needed to reduce infection risks.
- To review all policies, procedures, guidance and if necessary, to develop new guidance.
- To oversee the Infection Control audit programme.
- To demonstrate adherence to policies and guidelines relating to Infection Control.
- To co-ordinate initial induction and on-going training for all staff in relation to infection prevention and control.

The IPC Lead will produce an annual statement covering the following list of activities that is available to view on request:

- Completed IPC risk assessment.
- IPC audits, outcomes, and subsequent action plan.
- Known infection transmission and subsequent actions.
- Training received by staff.
- Reviewed and updated policies, procedures, and guidance.

Significant Events related to Infection Control (including Known Infection Transmissions)

There were no significant events recorded in the period 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023 which relate to Infection Control.

Audits and risk assessments relating to Infection Control

The following audits relating to Infection Control have been undertaken at Drayton Medical Practice. Action plans were produced and completed in response to the findings.

Surgery site	Date
Horsford	Internal audit – 12 th June 2023
Drayton	Internal audit – 15 th May 2023 External audit – 1 st August 2023
St Faiths	Internal audit – 11 th July 2023 External audit – 1 st September 2023

Following these audits and those which preceded, Drayton Medical Practice took the decision to terminate our cleaning contract with G4S and appoint a new cleaning contractor. CQ Cleaning took over responsibility for cleaning at all 3 surgery sites with effect from 20th December 2023.

Drayton Medical Practice will be extending the building at its Drayton site during 2024. Infection Control will be closely monitored during this period.

Practice Policies, Procedures and Guidance relating to Infection Control

Drayton Medical Practice Infection Control policy is reviewed annually or updated at a time of a change in Government guidance and advice.

The following policies, procedures and guidance have been reviewed and updated in 2023 as detailed below: -

- Infection Prevention and Control policy – December 2023
- Handling of Sharps boxes SOP for reception staff – October 2023
- Handling specimens SOP for reception staff – December 2023
- Isolating patients SOP for reception staff – December 2023

In addition to these, in October 2022 Drayton Medical Practice adopted the following Infection Prevention and Control Policies issued by Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust. All clinical staff have instant access to these policies via our internal TeamNET library.

- Aseptic Technique
- Hand Hygiene
- Patient Placement and Assessment for Infection Risk
- Safe Management of Care Equipment
- Blood Borne Viruses
- C.Difficile
- CJD
- Invasive Devices
- MRSA
- MRGNB including CPE
- Notifiable Diseases
- Outbreaks of Communicable Diseases
- Safe Management of Blood and Bodily Fluids
- Safe management of Linen
- Safe Management of the Care Environment
- Venepuncture
- PPE
- PVL-SA
- Respiratory and Cough Hygiene
- Safe Management of Sharps and Inoculation Injuries
- Scabies
- SICPs and TBPs
- Viral Gastroenteritis Norovirus

Training relating to Infection Control

All staff members have completed online Infection Control training which is completed both on joining the practice and on an annual basis. All staff have access to hand hygiene training annually. A record of this training is kept and is available for inspection.