Birchwood Medical Practice – Updated 28/12/23

**ANNUAL INFECTION CONTROL STATEMENT**

**Introduction**

This practice is committed to the control of infection within the building and in relation to the clinical procedures carried out within it. This statement has been produced in line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and details the practice’s compliance with guidelines on infection control and cleanliness between the dates of 02/12/22and 28/12/23

The author of this statement is Charlotte McGhie, Lead Nurse.

**Infection Control Lead**

The practice’s clinical lead for infection control is Natalie Britton, Practice Nurse.

The practice’s non-clinical lead for infection control is Deb Spencer, Practice Manager.

The infection control lead has the following duties and responsibilities within the practice:

Annual audit

Risk assessments as required

Reviewing significant events

Updating policies/protocols/SOPs

Providing annual staff training

**Significant Events related to Infection Control**

Details of Outbreaks

* The COVID19 outbreak has been deemed ‘no longer a global emergency’ by the WHO and has relaxed the need for such strict infection control procedures within the practice, including the use of PPE by clinicians and PHE covid specific guidance was withdrawn.

The new infection control Lead Natalie Britton has updated the infection control audit, including zoning for room usage to indicate infection control requirements as per the new standards of care.

**Audits relating to Infection Control**

The following audits relating to Infection Control have been undertaken at the practice, and the following recommendations and/or actions plans were produced in response to the findings:

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| [IPC audit](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\NATALIE%20IPC\AUDIT%202023.xlsx) |  |
| [Hand hygiene](IPC%20Spreadsheet%202022.xlsx) | No action required |
| [Sharps Box Audit](IPC%20Spreadsheet%202022.xlsx) | Repeating monthly to ensure compliance |
| [Cold Chain](file:///Y:\Nurses\Cold%20Chain\Fridge%20Temp%20Audit\Temp%20Audits\2022%20Cold%20CHain%20Audit\2022%20Fridge%20Audit.xlsx) | Recent issue of cold chain break/temperature excursion due to fridge breakdown |
| [Waste](file:///C:\Users\nicola.gibson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.MSO\2018\Waste%20Audit%202018.docx) | No action required |
| [Fridge Temp Audit](Fridge%20cleaning%20audit%20%202022.docx) | New policy/3 monthly audit of temp checks |
| [Room Cleaning](Room%20cleaning%20audit%202022.docx) | Visible documentation in all clinical rooms |
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**Risk Assessments relating to Infection Control**

The following risk assessments relating to Infection Control have been undertaken at the practice and various recommendations and/or actions plans were produced in response to the findings:

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| [Alcohol gel](../IPC%20risk%20assessments%20and%20incidents/Risk%20Assessments/Alcohol%20gel.docx) |
| [Covid 19](../IPC%20risk%20assessments%20and%20incidents/Risk%20Assessments/Covid%2019.docx) |
| [Clinical waste](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\IPC%20risk%20assessments%20and%20incidents\Risk%20Assessments\Clinical%20waste.docx) |
| [Curtains](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\IPC%20risk%20assessments%20and%20incidents\Risk%20Assessments\Curtains.docx) |
| [Gloves for dressings](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\IPC%20risk%20assessments%20and%20incidents\Risk%20Assessments\Gloves%20for%20dressings.docx) |
| [Specimen fridge](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\IPC%20risk%20assessments%20and%20incidents\Risk%20Assessments\Specimen%20fridge.docx) |
| [Venepuncture](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\IPC%20risk%20assessments%20and%20incidents\Risk%20Assessments\Venepuncture.docx) |
| [Home BP](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\IPC%20risk%20assessments%20and%20incidents\Risk%20Assessments\Home%20BP.docx) |
| [Child Imms](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\IPC%20risk%20assessments%20and%20incidents\Risk%20Assessments\Child%20Imms.docx) |
| [Dressings](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\IPC%20risk%20assessments%20and%20incidents\Risk%20Assessments\Dressings.docx) |

**Practice Policies, Procedures and Guidance relating to Infection Control**

The practice maintains the upkeep of the following policies, procedures and guidance related to infection control. These policies, procedures and guidance are reviewed and updated every year in December as well as being amended on an ongoing basis to keep up with changes in regulation etc.

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| [Aseptic Policy](file:///\\bristol.xswhealth.nhs.uk\GP\Birchwood%20Medical%20Practice\PracticeArea\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\Aseptic%20technique%20PPE-2021-Version-1.00-2.pdf) |
| [C. Diff policy](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\2023%20C.-difficile-November-2023-Version-3.00.pdf) |
| [Cold chain](file:///\\bristol.xswhealth.nhs.uk\GP\Birchwood%20Medical%20Practice\PracticeArea\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\Cold%20Chain.docx) |
| [COSHH](file:///\\bristol.xswhealth.nhs.uk\GP\Birchwood%20Medical%20Practice\PracticeArea\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\COSHH.docx) |
| [Decontamination](file:///\\bristol.xswhealth.nhs.uk\GP\Birchwood%20Medical%20Practice\PracticeArea\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\Decontamination-Safe-management-of-care-equipment-July-2021-Version-2.00-1.pdf) |
| [Hand washing](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\2023%20Hand-hygiene-2021-Version-2.00-1.pdf) |
| [Hep B status for staff](file:///\\bristol.xswhealth.nhs.uk\GP\Birchwood%20Medical%20Practice\PracticeArea\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\Hep%20B.docx) |
| [IPC](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\IPC%20GP-24-SICPs-and-TBPs-November-2023-Version-3.00.pdf) |
| [Isolation](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\2023%20isolation%20GP-12-Patient-placement-and-assessment-for-infection-risk-November-2023-V-3.00.pdf) |
| [Laundering uniforms](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\GP-20-Safe-management-of-linen-November-2023-Version-3.00.pdf) |
| [MRSA](file:///\\bristol.xswhealth.nhs.uk\GP\Birchwood%20Medical%20Practice\PracticeArea\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\2023-MRSA-November-2023-Version-3.00.pdf) |
| [Needlestick](file:///\\bristol.xswhealth.nhs.uk\GP\Birchwood%20Medical%20Practice\PracticeArea\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\Needlestick.docx) |
| [Outbreaks of communicable diseases](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\2023%20GP-11-Outbreaks-of-communicable-disease-November-2023-Version-3.00.pdf) |
| [PPE](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\2023-PPE-November-2023-Version-2.00.pdf) |
| [Safe management of the care environment](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\2023%20Safe-management-of-the-care-environment-November-2023-V-3.00.pdf) |
| [Sample handling](file:///\\bristol.xswhealth.nhs.uk\GP\Birchwood%20Medical%20Practice\PracticeArea\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\Sample%20handing.docx) |
| [Spillage](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\2023%20Safe-management-of-blood-and-body-fluid-spillages-November-2023-V-2.00.pdf) |
| [Toys](file:///Y:\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\Toys.docx) |
| [Waste management including sharps](file:///\\bristol.xswhealth.nhs.uk\GP\Birchwood%20Medical%20Practice\PracticeArea\Nurses\Infection%20Control\Policies\2023GP-17-Safe-disposal-of-waste-including-sharps-November-2023-Version-3.00-1.pdf) |

**Training relating to Infection Control**

The following staff members have received instruction, information or training relating to Infection Prevention and Control:

All staff are updated annually in January. Sue Owen monitors everyone’s annual training.

Our new infection control lead Natalie Britton will be taking some in person training for both reception and the nursing team.