

## Annual statement on compliance with IPC practice (including cleanliness) for General Practice Template

### Purpose of the 'Annual statement'

The *Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infection and related guidance* requires the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead to produce an annual statement. This statement should be made available for anyone who wishes to see it, including patients and regulatory authorities and should also be published on the General Practice website.

Below is a suggested template for the Annual statement. General Practices can (and should) adapt the template and add further details, but the six key headings below must be included. The Annual statement and related forward programme/quality improvement plan, should be reviewed and signed off by the relevant General Practice governance group.

### Introduction

This Annual statement has been drawn up on 3-6-25 in accordance with the requirement of the *Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance* for Abbey medical Centre.

It summarises:

1. Infection transmission incidents and actions taken
2. IPC audits undertaken and subsequent actions implemented
3. Risk assessments undertaken and any actions taken for prevention and control of infection
4. Staff training
5. Review and update of IPC policies, procedures and guidelines
6. Antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship

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### 1. Infection transmission incidents

*Provide details of infection transmission incidents (which may involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events), how they were investigated, any lessons learnt and changes made as a result to facilitate future improvements.*

Nil to report

### 2. IPC Audits and actions

*Provide an overview of IPC audit programme as well as examples of good practice and actions taken to address suboptimal compliance.*

In-house IPC audits are conducted quarterly using the GP audit tool kit on Teamnet. Findings are discussed at our monthly MDT clinical meetings. Any issues identified and changes are agreed and implemented and evidenced with the next audit cycle.

### 3. Risk Assessments

*Provide details of IPC related risk assessments carried out and actions taken to prevent and control infection.*

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. In the last year the following risk assessments were carried out/reviewed:

- Whole practice environment risk assessment policy updated
- Measles risk assessment

### 4. Staff training

*Provide details of IPC induction training, annual updates and any other IPC related training.*

All staff receive IPC induction with the lead nurse, and must complete annual training in infection prevention and control including hand washing training.

### 5. IPC Policies, procedures and guidance

*Provide details of all policy reviews and updates, together with details of how changes have been implemented.*

All Infection Prevent and Control related policies are in date for this year. Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually, and all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes

### 6. Antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship

*Provide details of all activities undertaken to promote and improve antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship.*

Annual in house audit of antimicrobial prescribing.  
External targeted audit by pharmacy students – annual  
ICB audit into antimicrobial prescribing 2024 shows falling rates.

### Forward plan/Quality improvement plan

Issue	Actions	Date for completion	Person responsible	Progress
Rooms	Replacing wooden sink surrounds	January 2025	SC	Awaiting quotes for work
Flooring	Replace waiting room flooring	October 2024	MC	Awaiting ICB approval
	Clinical room flooring to be extended up skirting	January 2025	MC	Awaiting quotes for work
Building	Need for fans – for extension of air conditioning	January 2025	MC	Awaiting ICB approval

### Forward plan/Quality improvement plan review date:

June 2026