

INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT 2024/2025

PURPOSE

This annual statement will be generated each year in April it will summarise:

- 1) Any infection transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our significant event procedure)
- 2) Details of any infection control audits and any actions undertaken.
- 3) Details of any infection control risk assessments undertaken.
- 4) Details of any staff training.
- 5) Any reviews and updates of policies and guidelines.

BACKGROUND

Responsibilities within the practice:

Infection prevention and control GP is Dr Bryden Davis.

Infection prevention and control (IP& C) nurses are Bethany Nesbitt, Sam Brady and Lianne Gilson.

Practice Manager is Heather Underwood

Assistant Practice Manager is Ruth Alty

Significant Events

There has been no significant events raised that relate to infection control in the past year.

AUDITS

There is an annual audit conducted for infection rates related to minor surgery procedures

The last audit was carried out by Dr Bryden Davis in 2023. Between 10/8/2023 and 6/9/2024 there were no complications from any minor Surgery or joint injections procedures. This audit is undertaken on an annual basis.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

Annual risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. These include:

Discussions of any issues at the monthly practice meetings.

Regular updated practice policies and protocols.

Annual infection control inspection by staff adhering to strict protocol

Hand gel put in all clinical rooms.

Cleaning schedules within the practice

STAFF TRAINING

Infection control for clinical is carried out annually and non-clinical staff every 3 years.

All clinical and non-clinical staff training is now being monitored by Practice Manager.

Relevant leads carry out regular audits within the practice and feedback information to the team.

POLICIES, PROCEDURE and GUIDELINES

Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control will be reviewed on an annual basis.

We aim to share information with our patients and a copy of this annual statement will be available on our practice website. We will notify patients of any potential seasonal outbreaks via outpatient information noticeboard in the waiting room and on our website.

Signed off by -----

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