

# Infection Control Statement 2023

**Infection Control Statement 2023 - Please note this is currently being updated**

## **Purpose**

In line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of practice on prevention and control of infection and its related guidance, this Annual Statement will be generated each year.

It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any lessons learnt and action taken
- Details of any infection prevention and control (IPC) audits undertaken and any subsequent actions taken arising from these audits
- Details of any issues that may challenge infection prevention and control including risk assessment undertaken and subsequent actions implemented as a result
- Details of staff IPC training
- Details of review and update of IPC policies, procedures and guidance

## **Infection Control Lead**

The Infection Control Lead will enable the integration of Infection Control principles into standards of care within the practice, by acting as a link between the surgery and Cheshire and Merseyside ICB Infection Control Team. They will be the first point of contact for practice staff in respect of Infection Control issues. They will help create and maintain an environment which will ensure the safety of the patient / client, carers, visitors, and health care workers in relation to Healthcare Associated Infection (HCAI).

The Infection Control Lead will carry out the following within the practice:

- Increase awareness of Infection Control issues amongst staff and clients
- Help motivate colleagues to improve practice
- Improve local implementation of Infection Control policies
- Ensure that practice-based Infection Control audits are undertaken
- Assist in the education of colleagues
- Help identify any Infection Control problems within the practice and work to resolve these, where necessary in conjunction with the local Infection Control Team
- Act as a role model within the practice
- Disseminate key Infection Control messages to their colleagues within the practice

Practice Infection Control Lead: Janet Southwell

Cleaning and Decontamination Lead: Stephanie Whitenburgh

## **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

There have been no significant events reported regarding infection control issues in the period covered by this report.

## **AUDITS / RISK ASSESSMENT**

The following audits/ assessments were carried out in the practice  
Infection control annual audit – Date of assessment: March 2023  
Recommendations and findings are attached in the document:

### **Infection Control Annual Audit 2023**



Infection Control  
Audit May 2023 (1).x

## **POLICIES, PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES**

Reviewed annually or earlier when appropriate due to changes in regulation and evidence-based guidance. However, the following will be reviewed by the Practice Manager and re-issued:

- Standard Infection Control Precautions
- Aseptic Technique
- Isolation of Service Users with an Infection
- Safe Handling and Disposal of Sharps
- Prevention and management of Occupational Exposure to Blood and Body Fluids (including sharps injuries)
- Safe Handling and Disposal of Waste
- Packaging and Handling of Specimens
- Immunisation of Patients
- Decontamination of Re-usable Medical Devices and Equipment
- Single Use Medical Devices
- Outbreaks of Infection / Communicable Disease
- Reporting of Infections to the Health Protection Agency
- Environmental Cleaning
- Uniform Policy / Dress Code
- Antimicrobial Prescribing

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