

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Annual Statement 2024-2025

IPC lead for the practice is Clare Jenkins (GP Partner)

IPC link practitioner is Heather Hankinson (Practice Nurse)

Antibiotic Steward is Dr Kunal Patel (GP Partner)

This annual statement will be generated in May each year and will summarise :

- Any infection transmission incidents/significant events and actions taken
- Details of staff training
- Details of IPC audits/risk assessments undertaken and actions taken
- Details of IPC advice to patients
- Any review/update of IPC policies and procedures

Significant Events

There were no significant events relating to IPC in the previous twelve months.

Staff Training

Attendance at monthly IPC webinars, review of IPC updates and implementation of changes.

IPC is standing agenda item on all meetings.

IPC issues/updates are discussed regularly throughout the year in staff meetings.

Staff are encouraged to raise any IPC concerns with the practice manager or IPC lead or link practitioner.

New staff IPC induction training led by IPC champion – including all basic infection control principles, basic training and audits and policies.

23/11/23 NHSE Education Framework for IPC practitioner workforce reviewed and signed off

ANNT training 4/6/24

Audits

Sharps Audits

Sharps audits are done every 3 months and the results are feedback to staff at the following meetings.

Hand Hygiene / PPE Donning and doffing audits

Included in clinicians cleaning checklist risk assessment and in new staff IPC induction training.

Aseptic Non-Touch Technique audits

An aseptic technique audit was performed to review number of infections following procedures requiring ANTT. The audit reviewed by Dr Jenkins 22/5/24 found no reported incidents.

HH assessed as competent in ANTT skills and as an ANTT assessor – from training by Association for Safe Aseptic Practice -7th November 2023.

ANTT section of IPC policy updated.

Cleaning

Cleaning audits are done monthly.

Antimicrobial Prescribing

Antibiotics prescribing is monitored monthly via Monthly Open Prescribing data reports and reviewed at clinical (business) meetings. Audit requested at 2023 PMOT practice meeting - f/up at next meeting 20/6/24.

Whole Practice IPC Audit

In May 2024 the IPC link practitioner undertook a Whole Practice IPC audit. This was reviewed with the IPC lead and Practice Manager on 15th May 2024 and highlighted some areas that needed improvement to ensure compliance with IPC best practice guidance.

IPC Audit Actions completed

See IPC audit action plan

IPC Policy

The IPC Policy has been updated and expanded to provide more detailed information.

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are written when new risks are identified or reviewed when risks change

IPC Advice to Patients

All eligible patients have been invited for relevant immunisations for example flu, pneumococcal, shingles, whooping cough.

Parents/Guardians are sent regular invites/reminders for childhood immunisations.

IPC plans for 2024/25

All staff will be having further IPC updating in September 2025

Continuation of regular scheduled audits

Risk assessments and IPC updates will be ongoing throughout the year.

Clinical Waste Collection 24/25

Email to Three Rivers November 2023 to check no changes to current service.

Annual statement completed by

Catherine Garibaldi (Practice Manager) and Heather Hankinson (IPC link practitioner)

Redacted version (staff names removed) published on website July 2024.