

# Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Annual Statement 2026–2027

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**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.

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

ANNT training 4/6/24

## Audits

Sharps Audits – completed every 3 months and results fed back to staff.

Hand Hygiene / PPE – included in cleaning checklist risk assessment and induction training.

Aseptic Non-Touch Technique – no reported infections following audit review May 2026 .

Cleaning – audits completed monthly.

Antimicrobial Prescribing – monitored monthly via prescribing data reports.

Whole Practice IPC Audit – conducted May 2026 with improvement actions identified.

### **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**

Eligible patients invited for immunisations including flu, pneumococcal, shingles and whooping cough. Parents receive reminders for childhood immunisations.

### **IPC Plans for 2026/27**

Further IPC training planned. Continued audits and ongoing risk assessments.

### **Clinical Waste Collection 2026/2027**

New Provider – Anenta commenced April 2026.

Annual statement completed by Joanna Fursse (Practice Manager) and Heather Hankinson (IPC link practitioner).