



## **Infection control annual statement**

Part 3, section 1.4, of the Department of Health, *The Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on the Prevention and Control of Infections and Related Guidance* (2015) states that the "Infection Prevention Lead should produce an annual statement with regard to compliance with practice on infection prevention and cleanliness and make it available on request."

In addition it states on pages 15 and 16: "1.5 Activities to demonstrate that infection prevention and cleanliness are an integral part of quality assurance should include:

### **In adult social care, primary dental care and primary medical care, etc:**

- evidence of appropriate action taken to prevent and manage infection:
  - an audit programme to ensure that appropriate policies have been developed and implemented; and
  - evidence that the annual statement from the Infection Prevention Lead has been reviewed and, where indicated, acted upon
  - regular review of antimicrobial prescribing decisions."
- [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/449049/Code\\_of\\_practice\\_280715\\_acc.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/449049/Code_of_practice_280715_acc.pdf)

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### **1. Purpose of the statement**

In line with the Department of Health, *The Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on Prevention and Control of Infection and its Related Guidance* (2015), the practice annual statement will be generated each year. It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our Significant Events Report procedures).
  - Details of any infection control audits undertaken and actions taken.
  - Details of any infection control risk assessments undertaken.
  - Details of any staff training.
  - Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.
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## **2. Lead for the prevention and Control of Infection**

- **Practice infection control lead** – Emma-Leigh Johnson and responsible for annual and monthly of infection control audit.
- Training by Emma-Leigh Johnson: e-learning for health update May 25

## **3. Significant events**

- In 2024-25 no significant events that have occurred at the practice relating to infection control, for example, no needle stick injuries, no vaccine refrigerator breakdown. No outbreak of an infection such as any multiple cases of diarrhoea and vomiting, norovirus, or clostridium difficile.

## **4. Audits and risk assessments**

- Risk assessments and audits related to infection control are carried out monthly and an aggregation on an annual basis. **Areas that required an action have had list actions undertaken.**

## **5. Staff training**

- All clinical and non-clinical staff (including the cleaner) undertakes infection control training on a 3 yearly basis. Our current education provider is e-learning for health.

## **6. Policies, procedures and guidelines**

All infection control policies are reviewed and updated annually last update Dec 2024 as appropriate. This is on-going and amendments will be made as current advice changes.

## **7. Sign off – 29.05.25**

- Emma-Leigh Johnson Practice Nurse
- Julie Belton Strategic and Operational Director

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