

The New Surgery

1<sup>st</sup> January 2022

## **Purpose**

This annual statement will be generated each year in January in accordance with the requirements of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance. The report will be published on the practice website and will include the following summary:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our significant event procedure)
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken and actions undertaken
- Details of any risk assessments undertaken for the prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

## **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) lead**

The lead for infection prevention and control at The New Surgery is Senior Practice Nurse.

The IPC lead is supported by Practice Manager.

### **a. Infection transmission incidents (significant events)**

Significant events involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events.

Positive events are discussed at meetings to allow all staff to be appraised of areas of best practice.

Negative events are managed by the staff member who either identified or was advised of any potential shortcoming. This person will complete a Significant Event Analysis (SEA) form that commences an investigation process to establish what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements.

All significant events are reviewed and discussed at several meetings each month. Any learning points are cascaded to all relevant staff where an action plan, including audits or policy review, may follow.

In the past year there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control. There have also been no complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

### **b. Infection prevention audit and actions**

An internal audit was conducted at Brambles in November 2021. The Audit came out as high compliance. There were minimal adjustments to be made and these can be seen in the audit report.

Internal IPC audits are due to be conducted in July 2022. These reviews are to be completed on a yearly basis every July or following a significant event.

**c. Risk assessments**

Risk assessments are carried out so that any risk is minimised to be as low as reasonably practicable. Additionally, a risk assessment that can identify best practice can be established and then followed.

**d. Training**

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at The New Surgery all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receive refresher training annually.

Various elements of IPC training in the previous year have been delivered on a yearly basis via Bluestream Academy.

**e. Policies and procedures**

The infection prevention and control related policies and procedures that have been written, updated or reviewed in the last year.

Policies relating to infection prevention and control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually. Additionally, all policies are amended on an ongoing basis as per current advice, guidance and legislation changes.

**f. Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of all staff members at The New Surgery to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

**g. Review**

The IPC lead and Senior Practice Nurse are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

**Signed by**



Suzanne Faulkner  
For and on behalf of The New Surgery