

Infection Control Annual Statement 2025

This annual statement will be generated each year, 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 organisation's 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 carried out 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 the Senior Practice Nurse.

The IPC lead is supported by the 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 in 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 which 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 which 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 February 2025. The Audit came out as high compliance. There were minimal adjustments to be made and these can be seen in the audit report.

An internal audit was conducted at The New Surgery in October 2024. 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 February for Brambles and October for The New Surgery. These reviews are to be completed on a yearly basis or following a significant event.

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c. Risk assessments

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

In the last year, the following areas were reviewed:

- General IPC risks
- Staffing, new joiners and ongoing training
- COSHH
- Cleaning standards
- Privacy curtain cleaning or changes
- Staff vaccinations
- Sharps
- Water safety

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 Practice Index HUB.

e. Policies and procedures

The infection prevention and control related policies and procedures 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 Practice Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

Signed by

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For and on behalf of The New Surgery

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