

# Annual Infection Prevention and Control Statement

## Purpose

This Annual Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Statement is produced each year in September 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 for Taunton Road Medical Centre.

This statement will be published on the practice website and outlines:

- Any infection transmission incidents and actions taken
- Infection control audits undertaken and resulting action plans
- Risk assessments carried out
- Staff training in relation to infection prevention and control
- Updates to policies, procedures, and guidance

## Infection Prevention and Control Leads

Mary Wright – Advanced Nurse Practitioner & Lead Nurse (IPC Lead)

Zoe Pike – Practice Nurse (Clinical Support)

Kylie Knight – Operations Lead (Administrative Support)

## Infection Prevention and Control Incidents

Significant events include examples of both good practice and challenging situations.

All IPC-related incidents are reported to Mary Wright via the Practice Manager and reviewed at clinical meetings. Any shared learning is communicated to all practice staff.

## In the past year:

- No (0) significant events relating to infection prevention and control
- No (0) complaints regarding cleanliness or infection control

## Infection Prevention and Control Audits and Actions

An IPC audit was carried out on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025, resulting in a score of 60.4%.

## Actions identified:

1. Urine dipstick storage – to prevent cross-contamination
2. Sharps management – correct bins and wall brackets installed
3. Infectious waste – individual GP room kits introduced

4. Clinical room audits implemented
5. Corkboard notice boards reviewed
6. Soap and hand sanitiser dispensers installed
7. Foot-pedal operated waste bins provided
8. Fabric chairs replaced with wipeable alternatives
9. Non-mixer taps scheduled for replacement
10. IPC job descriptions signed and updated
11. IPC information board displayed
12. Staff vaccination status reviewed and updated

### **Risk Assessments**

Completed:

- Clinical room audits – monthly
- Legionella risk assessment
- External cleaning company audits – monthly

Planned:

- Hand hygiene audit – monthly
- PPE audit – 6 monthly
- Aseptic technique audit – annually

### **Staff Training**

All staff complete role-appropriate IPC training via TeamNet iLearn.

IPC updates are shared via quarterly newsletters and internal communications.

### **Policies and Procedures**

- NHS Cleaning Standards
- Harrogate Infection Prevention and Control Policies

### **Responsibility**

All staff at Taunton Road Medical Centre are responsible for adhering to Infection Prevention and Control requirements.