The Heath Surgery

**ANNUAL INFECTION CONTROL STATEMENT**

Introduction

This practice is committed to the control of infection within the building and in relation to the clinical procedures carried out within it. This statement has been produced in line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and details the practice’s compliance with guidelines on infection control and cleanliness.

**Infection Control Lead**

The practice’s clinical lead for infection control is Dr Mohammed Zubair Qureshi and Deputy Carol Potts, Practice Nurse Team Leader.

The practice’s non-clinical lead for infection control is Linda Madeley, Operations Manager.

The IPC Lead is responsible for the local infection prevention and control programme. Briefly, this involves identifying the risks to the practice, its patients and staff from infection, and taking responsibility for implementing and monitoring actions to manage those risks.



The infection control lead has the following duties and responsibilities within the practice:

* develop and manage the annual IPC programme
* lead the practice’s collective responsibility for preventing and controlling infection
* assess the measures needed to reduce such risks
* review all policies, procedures and guidance and if necessary development of new guidance
* oversee the audit programme to demonstrate adherence to policies and guidelines and compliance with clinical procedures
* co-ordinate initial induction and on-going recurrent training for all staff in infection prevention.

The IPC Lead will produce an annual statement covering the following list of activities that is available to view on request:

* completed IPC risk assessment
* IPC audits, outcomes and subsequent actions;
* known infection transmission and subsequent actions
* training received by staff
* reviewed and updated policies, procedures and guidance.

**Significant Events related to Infection Control**

There has been 1 significant event relating to infection control at the practice during 2021/2022.

**Audits and risk assessments relating to Infection Control**

Regular audits relating to Infection Control have been undertaken at the practice. Action plans were produced and completed in response to the findings.

**Practice Policies, Procedures and Guidance relating to Infection Control**

The practice maintains the upkeep of the following policies, procedures and guidance related to infection control. These policies, procedures and guidance are reviewed and updated every year (if needed), as well as being amended on an ongoing basis to keep up with changes in regulation etc.

* infection control policy
* annual infection control statement

The following policies, procedures and guidance have been reviewed and updated in March 2022

* infection control policy
* induction policy and checklist

**Training relating to Infection Control**

Staff members have received instruction, information or training relating to Infection Prevention and Control. All staff have access to hand hygiene training annually. A record of this training is kept in the mandatory training schedule and is available for inspection at the practice.

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