Station Road Surgery Infection Control Statement April 2025

The Practice is committed to the prevention and 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 practices' compliance with guidelines on infection control and cleanliness. This will be published on the practice website and updated yearly.

- IPC leads for the practice are Nurses Lesley Healey and Selina Howard
- IPC administrative lead for the practice is Practice Manager Simi Kaur
- Antibiotic and Sepsis lead is Dr Thomas

This annual statement will be generated each year and will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and actions taken
- Details of IPC audits/risk assessments undertaken, and actions taken
- Any review/update of IPC policies and procedures
- Details of staff training

Significant events (which may involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events) are investigated in detail to see what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements.

All significant events and IPC issues/updates are reviewed in clinical/practice meetings regularly throughout the year and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff. Staff are encouraged to raise any IPC concerns with the practice manager or IPC leads.

In the past year there have been no significant events raised that relate to infection control

We conduct a full infection control audit yearly for IPC purposes and alongside this, additional smaller audits as described below:

Hand Hygiene Audits:

Hand Hygiene audits are conducted for clinical staff. All staff are aware of the importance of hand hygiene in reducing healthcare associated infections. Annual hand hygiene training is undertaken

Waste and Sharps Audits:

These are conducted on a yearly basis through our waste provider Anenta.

Cleaning Audits:

We use an outside cleaning company for the cleaning of the surgery, and they perform audits and spot checks alongside our own yearly IPC audit.

Risk Assessments:

are performed by the Practice Manager including Health and safety, Legionella Risk Assessment, Fire Risk Assessment

Vaccinations:

As a practice we ensure all our staff are up to date with Hepatitis B immunisations and other vaccines applicable to their role. We take part in the national immunisation programme for patients.

Staff Training:

- All our staff receive annual inhouse training in infection prevention and control, and complete blue stream e-learning training.
- IPC leads attend the local Frimley IPC 'Champions training ' on a regular basis throughout the year.
- Clinical staff have undertaken Target Antibiotic Stewardship Training.
- All staff are educated about the importance of the Cold Chain and are trained to receive and care for vaccines.
- Fridge temperatures are monitored daily by the nurses and internal data loggers are used within the fridge to provide further information and ensure no break in the cold chain

Practice Annual IPC Audit

The last IPC Audit was completed in April 2025. Whilst this is an annual Audit, action points arising from this audit are put in an action plan and constantly reviewed during clinical and practice meetings.

As a result of the audit 2024 audit year improvements have been made in the decluttering of surfaces, storage of equipment, and gloves and wipes are now placed in wall dispensers.

Finding from the 20205 Audit:

- Not all sinks in clinical room have single mixer taps- previously noted on 2024 audit.
- Cleaning schedule needed for the cleaning of blinds in clinical rooms.
- Repairs are required to the walls in Treatment room 1 & 2 to fix holes in the plaster.
- Repairs required to fix holes, plastering and the general poor state of the fixtures, fittings and decor of downstairs toilet
- Repairs required to upstairs toilet walls, seals and decor
- New Toilet Seat required for first floor toilet
- Stainless steel dressing trolley in TR 1 needs relacing as edges are rusty (and therefore cannot be cleaned properly).

Findings from IPC Audit submitted to management Team for consideration throughout the year, as resources permit.