**Infection Control Annual Statement**

**(April 2018-March 2019)**

1. **PURPOSE**

In line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of practice on prevention and control of infection (July 2015) and its related guidance, this Annual Statement will be generated each year. It will summarise:

* Any infection transmission incidents and any lessons learnt and action taken.
* Details of any infection prevention and control (IPC) audits undertaken and any subsequent actions taken arising from these audits.
* Details of any issues that may challenge infection prevention and control including risk assessment undertaken and subsequent actions implemented as a result.
* Details of staff IPC training.
* Details of review and update of IPC policies, procedures and guidance.
* To highlight priorities for the upcoming year.

1. **INFECTION CONTROL LEAD**

The Infection Control Lead will enable the integration of Infection Control principles into standards of care within the practice, by acting as a link between the surgery and Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Infection Control Team. They will be the first point of contact for practice staff in respect of Infection Control issues. They will help create and maintain an environment which will ensure the safety of the patient / client, carers, visitors and health care workers in relation to Healthcare Associated Infection (HCAI).

The infection Control Lead will carry out the following within the practice:

* Increase awareness of Infection Control issues amongst staff and client s
* Help motivate colleagues to improve practice
* Improve local implementation of Infection Control policies
* Ensure that practice based Infection Control audits undertaken
* Assist in the education of colleagues
* Help identify any Infection Control problems within the practice and work to resolve these, where necessary in conjunction with the local Infection Control Team.
* Act as a role model within the practice.
* Disseminate key Infection Control messages to their colleagues within the practice.

Practice Infection Control Leads: **Dr M Aram & Caroline Sheffield**

Cleaning and Decontamination Lead: **Caroline Sheffield**

1. **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

There have been  **0 (nil) significant events** reported regarding infection control issues in the period covered by this report.

1. **AUDITS / RISK ASSESSMENT**

The following audits / assessments were carried out in the practice

* Infection Control assessment audit (92.3%)
* Staff hand hygiene audit Autumn 2018
* Monthly premises checks including legionella testing
* Review of infection control cleaning rota and products Autumn 2018

1. **STAFF TRAINING**

Caroline Sheffield attended Infection Control update in Autumn 2018. Where appropriate staff have renewed their Infection Control updates on-line.

1. **POLICIES, PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES**

Infection Control polices have been reviewed where appropriate in line with changes in regulations and evidence based guidance.

1. **PRIORITIES AND KEY POINTS FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS**

* Continue to ensure all staff are up to date with level of training appropriate to their role.
* Continue to monitor cleaning products and cleaning of premises including COSHH.
* Continue to monitor staff vaccination status with regards to Infection Control status.
* Check needlestick injury policy
* Write an Isolation Policy