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## 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 between the dates of 1/8/2022 and 31/7/23.

The author of this statement is Helen Walker.

### Infection Control Lead

The practice's clinical lead for infection control is Fiona Hanson, Practice Nurse.  
The practice's non-clinical lead for infection control is Helen Walker, Practice Manager.

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

- Overall responsibility for the maintenance of personal protective equipment and the provision of personal cleaning supplies within clinical areas
- Overall responsibility for the maintenance of the provision of personal cleaning supplies within non-clinical areas
- Overall responsibility for the maintenance of sterile equipment and supplies, and for ensuring that all items remain "in date"
- Providing staff training and guidance on all infection control matters.
- Undertaking audits, risk assessments and ensuring actions are completed

### Significant Events related to Infection Control

There have been 0 significant events relating to infection control at the practice between the dates of 1/8/2022 and 31/7/23.

### Audits relating to Infection Control

The following audits relating to Infection Control have been undertaken at the practice between the dates of 1/8/22 and 31/7/23, and the following recommendations and/or actions plans were produced in response to the findings:

- Monthly Infection Prevention Room Checks
- Hand Hygiene checks
- Infection Control Risk Assessment
- Legionella contamination

Action plans agreed (brought forward from 2019-20 (awaiting funding):

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- Replacement of flooring in consulting rooms on middle floor
- Replacement of sinks/taps in all rooms

New findings from 2022 audit;

- Clinicians chairs are not all wiped cleanable –replace with wipe clean chairs when replacements required
- Minor tear on one examination couch – look to get recovered

## 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 12 months, as well as **being** amended on an ongoing basis to keep up with changes in regulation etc.

Infection Control Policy V2.1

Sample Handling Protocol V1.7

Infection Control Biological Substances Protocol V2.3

Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH) V4.1

Hand Washing and Hygiene protocol V1.1

Aseptic technique V2.0

BBVs (Blood-borne viruses) V2.0

C.difficile (Clostridioides difficile) V2.0

Invasive Devices V2.0

MDROs including ESBL and CPO (multidrug-resistant organisms including Extended-Spectrum Beta-Lactamase and carbapenemase-producing organism) V2.0

MRSA (Meticillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus) V2.0

Notifiable Diseases V2.02

Outbreaks of communicable disease V2.0

Patient placement and assessment for infection risk V2.0

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) V1.0

PVL-SA (Panton-Valentine Leukocidin staphylococcus aureus) V2.0

Respiratory and cough hygiene V2.0

Waste management Disposal Protocol

Safe management of care equipment V2.0

Safe management of sharps and inoculation injuries V2.0

Safe management of care environment V2.0

Safe management of linen (including uniforms and workwear) V2.0

Scabies V3.0

Venepuncture V2.0

Viral gastroenteritis/Norovirus V3.0

All have been updated between the dates 1/8/22 and 31/7/23

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### Training relating to Infection Control

The following staff members have received instruction, information or training relating to Infection Prevention and Control between the dates of 1/8/22 and 31/7/23:

Hand washing techniques (new GPs and Clinical staff)

Infection Prevention and Control – Level 1 (all staff)

Infection Prevention and Control – Level 2 (GPs and Clinical staff)