

## Annual statement on compliance with IPC practice (including cleanliness) for General Practice Template

### Purpose of the 'Annual statement'

The *Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infection and related guidance* requires the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead to produce an annual statement. This statement should be made available for anyone who wishes to see it, including patients and regulatory authorities and should also be published on the General Practice website.

### Introduction

This Annual statement has been drawn up on 25th<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in accordance with the requirement of the *Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance* for The Reynard Surgery. It summarises:

1. Infection transmission incidents and actions taken
2. IPC audits undertaken and subsequent actions implemented
3. Risk assessments undertaken and any actions taken for prevention and control of infection
4. Staff training
5. Review and update of IPC policies, procedures and guidelines

This statement has been drawn up by: Sadie Newton - Infection Prevent and Control (IPC) Lead.

IPC Support: Matthew Brown (Paramedic)

### 1. Infection transmission incidents

Nil

### 2. IPC Audits and actions

External audit carried out in September 2023 - audit reports available upon request.

We have conducted our own audits for IPC purposes. These include Hand hygiene, Sharps management, Waste disposal, PPE, Cold chain procedures & Decontamination of equipment.

### 3. Risk Assessments

Legionella (water safety), Waste management, Sharps injuries, COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)

#### 4. Staff training

All staff members at the surgery complete annual mandatory IPC training.  
Sadie Newton and Matthew Brown completed the Infection Prevention and Control training update. (8 hrs of training completed by both Sadie and Matthew in September)

#### 5. IPC Policies, procedures and guidance

All IPC Policies reviewed September 2025, including:  
Viral gastroenteritis, Specimen collection, Safe management & care of the environment, Safe management of sharps & inoculation injuries, Safe management of care equipment, Safe management of blood & bodily spillages, Safe disposal of waste including sharps, PPE, Outbreaks of communicable diseases, Notifiable diseases, Multi-resistant gram-negative bacteria including carbapenemase, MRSA, Invasive devices, Infection control policy – SICPs and TBPs, Hand hygiene, C. Diff, BBV, Aseptic technique, Antimicrobial stewardship.

#### Forward plan/Quality improvement plan

Subject	Actions	Date for completion	Person responsible
Annual IPC Statement	To publish this on surgery website	End of November 2025	Sadie Newton / Annabel Smith
Contracted cleaners	To ensure appropriate storage of cleaning equipment	End of November 2025	
Infection prevention and control lead	Role to be adopted by Matthew Brown	End of November 2025	Sadie Newton to hand over to Matthew Brown
Refurbishment of waiting area	Building works to commence once permissions granted	Unknown	Debbie Allen to oversee (Practice Manager)