**Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Annual Statement 2023-2024**

This annual statement will be generated each year in January in accordance with the requirements of The Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance. It summarises:

**IPC lead for the practice is Tamara Oduleye (Practice Nurse).**

**This annual statement will be generated in December each year and will summarise:**

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

**Significant Events**

There were no significant events relating to IPC in the previous twelve months.

**Staff Training**

All staff received annual IPC training/updating in 2023. All staff have been trained in sepsis awareness.

IPC issues/updates are discussed regularly throughout the year in clinical/general meetings.

Staff are encouraged to raise any IPC concerns with the practice manager or IPC lead.

**Audits**

**Hand Hygiene /Aseptic Technique**

An annual hand hygiene audit was conducted on all staff with 100% compliance in correct technique. Staff are aware of the importance of hand hygiene in reducing healthcare associated infections.

**Practice IPC Audit**

We have a risk assessment tool for infection control which we do every year. These audits indicated that the following areas need improvement/ actioning;

Some consulting/treatment rooms were found to be in need of decluttering-this was mostly items on work surfaces. If the work surfaces are clear it is much easier to clean.

All clinicians were advised to declutter their rooms as much as possible and unused/excess equipment removed.

Sanitiser dispenser needs to be put up near the back door for staff/visitors when entering / leaving the premises to use.

**Actions completed**

Poster for Sharps injury with occupational health details put in each room.

**Risk Assessments**

Risk assessments are performed on a regular basis for Health and safety, Fire safety & legionella.

**Curtains:** The NHS Cleaning Specifications state the curtains should be cleaned or if using disposable curtains, replaced every 12 months or as soon as soiled.

## Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each individual to be familiar with this Statement and their roles and responsibilities under this.

**IPC Advice to Patients**

All eligible patients have been invited for relevant immunisations for example flu, pneumococcal, shingles, whooping cough.

Parents/Guardians are sent regular invites/reminders for childhood immunisations.

**IPC Policy** The IPC Policy has been updated and expanded to provide more detailed information.