

## Infection Control Annual Statement 2023/2024

### Purpose

The annual statement will be generated each year. It will summarise:

- Any learning connected to cases of *C. difficile* infection and *Meticillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus* blood stream infections and action undertaken;
- The annual infection control audit summary and actions undertaken;
- Infection Control risk assessments and actions undertaken;
- Details of staff training (both as part of induction and annual training) with regards to infection prevention & control;
- Details of infection control advice to patients;
- Any review and update of policies, procedures, and guidelines.

### Background:

EYNSHAM AND LONGHANBOROUGH Medical Practice, Lead for Infection Prevention /Control is DR IAN BINNIAN who is a GP PARTNER who is supported by LEANDA RANKIN AND JINDER SIDHU who are PRACTICE NURSE's WITH SPECIAL INTEREST IN INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

This team keeps updated with infection prevention & control practices and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.

### Significant events:

Detailed post-infection reviews are carried out across the whole health economy for cases of *C. difficile* infection and *Meticillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) blood stream infections. This includes reviewing the care given by the GP and other primary care colleagues. Any learning is identified and fed back to the surgery for actioning.

This year the surgery has been involved in ZERO *C. difficile* case reviews and ZERO MRSA blood stream infection reviews.

### Audits:

Detail what audits were undertaken and by whom and any key changes to practice implemented as a result.

| Audit                                     | Date          | Auditor/s     | Key changes  |
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| Infection Prevention Control and Efficacy | February 2023 | Leanda Rankin | Eynsham- new sink in Room 1<br>New cleaning company for both surgeries<br>Tiger Stripe Waste Bags to be used<br>Donning and Doffing added to non-patient facing staff<br>I,P&C Training Module |

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| Hand Hygiene   | May 2023   | Leanda Rankin and Jinder Sidhu |               |
| ANTT   | March 2023 | Leanda Rankin & Jinder Sidhu   | None required |
| National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness Technical | July 2023  | Naomi Roberts & Leanda Rankin  | None required |
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### **Infection Control Risk Assessments:**

Regular Infection Control risk assessments are undertaken to minimise the risk of infection and to ensure the safety of patients and staff. The following Infection Control risk assessments have been completed in the past year and appropriate actions have been taken:

- COVID-19 outbreak
- Provision and cleaning of toys
- Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH)
- Disposal of waste
- Healthcare-associated infections (HCAIs) and occupational infections
- Minor surgery
- Sharps injury
- Use of personal protective clothing/equipment
- Risk of body fluid spills
- Legionella risk assessment
- Buildings and facilities that do not meet IPC best practice

### **Staff training:**

All new staff that joined this Medical Centre/Surgery in the past 12-months have received infection control, hand-washing training within 0-1 month of employment. 100% of the practice patient-facing staff (clinical and reception staff) completed their annual online infection prevention & control update training.

100% of the practice non-patient-facing staff completed their 3-yearly/annual infection prevention & control update training.

The IPC nurse/practitioner attended training updates for their role. Training is provided by the BOB ICB Webinars.

### **Infection Control Advice to Patients:**

Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout the Medical Centre. Additional IPC measures on hands, face, space have been implemented due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

There are leaflets/posters available in the Medical Centre/Surgery -regarding:

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| COVID-19 (seasonal)  | Shingles |
| Influenza (seasonal) |          |

**Policies, procedures, and guidelines.**

Documents related to infection prevention & control are available to all and reviewed in line with national and local guidance changes and are updated 2-yearly (or sooner in the event on new guidance).