

Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) Annual Statement

Hall Street Medical Centre

Reporting Period: 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025

This annual statement is published in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections. It summarises the infection prevention and control (IPC) activities undertaken by Hall Street Medical Centre during the past year.

1. Infection Prevention & Control Lead

Our IPC Lead for the reporting period was Linda Morris, Nurse Associate, responsible for overseeing infection control policies, audits, staff training, and ensuring compliance across the practice.

The IPC Lead is supported by Sarah Theakston, Advanced Clinical Practitioner and Julie Barratt, Practice Manager.

2. Significant Events Related to Infection Control

- No significant infection-related incidents occurred during the reporting year

3. IPC Audits

The following audits were completed:

- Annual IPC audit
- Hand hygiene audit
- Sharps disposal audit
- Cleaning standards audit
- Waste management audit

Actions identified have been implemented or are in progress, including:

- New flooring patient toilet/redecorating
- 6 monthly PPE audit
- Increase recycling within practice
- Audits to be carried out more frequently ie 6 monthly

4. Staff Training

All clinical and non-clinical staff completed annual mandatory IPC training. New starters received IPC induction training in accordance with practice policy.

5. Policies and Procedures

The following IPC-related policies were reviewed and updated within the last 12 months:

- Infection Prevention & Control Policy
- Hand Hygiene Policy
- Waste Management Policy
- Sharps and Needlestick Injury Policy
- Cleaning and Decontamination Policy

All policies comply with current national guidance and are accessible to staff.

6. Risk Assessments

Risk assessments were completed and reviewed for:

- Cleaning procedures
- Use and disposal of sharps
- Management of bodily fluids
- COVID-19 and other respiratory infections
- Water safety (Legionella)

Actions from these assessments have been addressed appropriately.

7. Patient Information

We continue to provide patient information on infection control, including:

- Hand hygiene posters
- Waste disposal guidance
- Advice on respiratory infection
- Resources available on the practice website and waiting room notice boards

8. Plans for the Coming Year

Our IPC priorities for 2025–2026 include:

- Continued staff training and refreshers
- Enhanced audit programme
- Review and upgrade of cleaning documentation
- Ongoing monitoring of infection control compliance

Signed:

Julie Barratt – Practice Manager

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