

# **Infection Control Annual Statement Report**

Riverside Medical Practice

26/02/2025

## **Purpose**

This annual statement will be generated each year in November 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. The report will be published on the practice website and will include the following summary:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our significant event procedure)
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken, and actions undertaken
- Details of any risk assessments undertaken for the prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

## **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) lead**

The lead for infection prevention and control at Riverside Medical Practice is Kerry Brown –Lead Nurse.

The IPC lead is supported by the Practice Manager and Business Partner(s)

### **a. Infection transmission incidents (significant events)**

There were no significant events relating to IPC in the previous 12 months.

### **b. Infection prevention audit and actions**

Internal Infection and prevention audits are undertaken monthly, with a full annual audit undertaken which looks at infection rates and cleaning audits and recommends actions accordingly.

### **c. Risk assessments**

Risk assessments are carried out so that any risk is minimised to be as low as reasonably practicable. Additionally, a risk assessment that can identify best practices can be established and then followed.

In the last year, the following risk assessments were carried out/reviewed:

- COVID19
- General IPC risks
- Staffing, new joiners, and ongoing training
  
- COSHH
- Cleaning standards
- Curtain cleaning or changes
- Staff vaccinations
- Infrastructure changes
- Sharps
- Water Safety
- Assistance dogs

#### **d. Audits**

##### **Hand Hygiene & Aseptic Technique**

An I hand hygiene audit was conducted on all staff in June and December 2024. We also have a risk assessment tool for infection control which we complete annually

##### **Invasive Procedure Audit**

An annual audit of all invasive procedures was undertaken in February 2025 these included procedures such as Minor Surgeries, Coils & Implants as well as cervical cytology. No issues or areas of concern were reported following invasive procedures.

##### **Cleaning Audit**

A monthly audit is undertaken by Vanguard Cleaning with spot checks undertaken by the Compliance Manager.

A clinical Waste Audit was undertaken.

Uniform Audit was carried out by the Lead Nurse. The audit did not identify any concerns, clinicians are currently wearing scrubs, own clothes or Uniforms appropriate PPE is being utilised accordingly.

##### **Training**

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Riverside Medical Practice all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receives refresher training annually.

#### **e. Policies and procedures**

The infection prevention and control-related policies and procedures that have been

updated or reviewed in the last year include, but are not limited, to:

- Cleaning and decontamination of Surfaces
- Clinical Waste Protocol
- Cold Chaim Policy
- Hand Hygiene Policy
- Infection Prevention & Control Policy
- Needle Stick Injuries Policy.
- Accident Reporting Policy
- Uniform Policy
- Immunisation Policy

Policies relating to infection prevention and control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually. Additionally, all policies are amended on an ongoing basis as per current advice, guidance, and legislation changes.

#### **f. Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of all staff members at Riverside Medical Practice to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

#### **g. Review**

The IPC lead, Practice Manager, and Business Partner(s) are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before February 2026

Signed by

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Kerry Brown (IPC Lead)  
For and on behalf of Riverside Medical Practice