

## **INFECTION CONTROL PROGRAMME**

### **ANNUAL STATEMENT 2021-22**

This Annual Statement forms part of the Infection Control Programme at Kintbury & Woolton Hill Surgeries and follows guidance outlined in [The Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance - Publications - GOV.UK](#)

Date of report	October 2022
Purpose	<p>The annual statement will be generated at the end of each financial year.</p> <p>It will summarise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any infection transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our Incident Reporting procedures)</li><li>The annual infection control audit summary and actions undertaken</li><li>Control risk assessments undertaken</li><li>Details of staff training (both as part of induction and annual training) with regards to infection prevention &amp; control</li><li>Details of infection control advice to patients</li><li>Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.</li></ul>
Name & designation of person compiling report	<p>Juliana Slater – Infection Prevention and Control Lead</p> <p>Supported by: Dr Gemma Newman – GP Partner &amp; Karen Oakton – Practice Manager</p> <p>This team keep updated with infection prevention &amp; control practices and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.</p>
Known infection transmission events and actions arising from this	<p>For the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 there have been the following adverse or significant events raised in relation to infection control:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- None</li></ul>
Audits undertaken and subsequent actions	<p>Infection Prevention &amp; Control audits were undertaken for Kintbury &amp; Woolton Hill in December 2021 with support of Jintana Loss IPC Lead for West Berkshire.</p> <p>Clinical waste audit</p> <p>Hand Hygiene</p> <p>National Cleaning Standards audits were undertaken in September &amp; December 21.</p> <p>Action plans include:</p> <p>Introduce laminated daily cleaning checklists</p> <p>Quarterly observations for hand hygiene audits</p> <p>Adjustments for reintroducing spirometry</p> <p>Requirement for new compliant taps</p> <p>Adjustments for covid surge – hot rooms, screening, appointments, flow</p>
Risk assessments undertaken for prevention and control of infection	<p>Risk assessments are undertaken to minimise the risk of infection and to ensure the safety of patients and staff. The following risk assessments related to infection prevention &amp; control have been completed in the past year and appropriate actions have been taken:</p> <p>Clinical Waste – Anenta</p>

	<p>Hierarchy of Controls – covid &amp; respiratory infection – Jan 22</p> <p>RA for walk through flu clinic off site</p> <p>Health &amp; Safety - Croner</p>
Training received by staff	<p>7 new staff joined the practice in the past 12-months and received infection control and hand-washing training within 3 months of employment.</p> <p>80% of the Practice Clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention &amp; control update training (e-learning)</p> <p>84% of the Practice non-clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention &amp; control update training.</p> <p>The Infection Control Lead attends regular IC Lead meetings.</p> <p>All staff have undertaken infection control and handwash training. There is a requirement for all staff to update this training annually.</p> <p>New clinical staff undertake a competency assessment for aseptic technique.</p> <p>New staff also undertake occupational health screening and are offered necessary vaccinations in house. OH screening is undertaken by Everwell online</p>
Review and update of policies, procedures and guidance	<p>All policies under the umbrella of the Infection Prevention &amp; Control are reviewed in line with national and local guidance and updated 2 yearly (or sooner in the event of new guidance):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infection Control</li> <li>Decontamination</li> <li>Clinical Waste</li> <li>Cleaning Plan &amp; Schedule</li> <li>Aseptic technique</li> <li>Specimen Handling</li> <li>Innoculation Injuries and Safe Use of Sharps</li> <li>Vaccine Storage and Cold Chain Break</li> <li>Temperature Recording Procedures</li> </ul>
Infection Control Advice to Patients:	<p>Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout the Surgeries.</p> <p>Covid screening questions are asked at appointment booking and at reception desk.</p> <p>Face masks for the majority of this period have been compulsory in the premises and posters advise this. We continue to encourage mask wearing in patients and staff</p> <p>The team are able to provide leaflets or links by SMS to information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Norovirus</li> <li>- Chickenpox &amp; shingles</li> <li>- Influenza – during vaccination season</li> <li>- Childhood immunisations</li> <li>- Travel immunisations</li> <li>- Recognising symptoms of TB</li> <li>- Meningitis/septicaemia</li> <li>- Measles</li> <li>- HPV vaccination</li> <li>- Whooping cough in pregnancy</li> </ul> <p>Posters have been minimised and leaflets in the waiting room moved away from communal areas during covid.</p>