

INFECTION CONTROL PROGRAMME

ANNUAL STATEMENT 2023-24

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	January 2024
Purpose	<p>The annual statement will be generated at the end of each financial year. It will summarise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any infection transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our Incident Reporting procedures) • The annual infection control audit summary and actions undertaken • Control risk assessments 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.
Name & designation of person compiling report	<p>Juliana Slater – Infection Prevention and Control Lead</p> <p>Supported by: Dr Gemma Newman – GP Partner & Karen Oakton – Practice Manager</p> <p>This team keep updated with infection prevention & 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 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 there have been the following adverse or significant events raised in relation to infection control:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None
Audits undertaken and subsequent actions	<p>Infection Prevention & Control audits were undertaken for Kintbury & Woolton Hill in December 2023 with support of Jintana Loss IPC Lead for West Berkshire.</p> <p>Clinical waste audit Hand Hygiene National Cleaning Standards audits were undertaken in April, July & October 2023 & February 2024. PPE Audit Action plans include: Roll out of cable management in all clinical room, to ensure cabling is off the floor for cleaning.</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 & control have been completed in the past year and appropriate actions have been taken:</p> <p>Clinical Waste – Anenta RA for walk through flu clinic off site</p>

	<p>Health & Safety – Croner RA walk through for the BP monitor in reception with supporting advice and guidance produced for patients</p>
<p>Training received by staff</p>	<p>5 new staff joined the practice in the past 12-months and received infection control and hand-washing training within 3 months of employment. 80% of the Practice Clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training (e-learning) 92% of the Practice non-clinical staff completed their annual infection prevention & 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. 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. Vaccination compliance is held on TeamNet.</p>
<p>Review and update of policies, procedures and guidance</p>	<p>All policies under the umbrella of the Infection Prevention & 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"> Infection Control Decontamination Clinical Waste Cleaning Plan & Schedule Aseptic technique Specimen Handling Innoculation Injuries and Safe Use of Sharps Vaccine Storage and Cold Chain Break Temperature Recording Procedures
<p>Infection Control Advice to Patients:</p>	<p>Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout the Surgeries. Guidance posted on practice website and Facebook page during an outbreak.</p> <p>The team are able to provide either leaflets or links by SMS to information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norovirus - Chickenpox & shingles - Influenza – during vaccination season - Childhood immunisations - Travel immunisations - Recognising symptoms of TB - Meningitis/septicaemia - Measles - HPV vaccination - Whooping cough in pregnancy