**Infection Control Annual Statement – Jan 2025**

Purpose

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

* 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 prevention and control of infection
* Details of staff training
* Details of infection control advice to patients
* Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead

Mansfield Park Surgery has 1 Lead for Infection Prevention and Control: Alice Williams (Practice Nurse)

The IPC Lead is supported by: Michelle Bunce (Practice Manager)

Infection transmission incidents (Significant Events)

Significant events (which may involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events) are investigated in detail to see what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements. All significant events are reviewed in the 3 monthly practice meetings and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff. These are now reported on-line on Datix.

In the past year there have been 0significant events raised related to infection control.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

The following audits have been completed this year:

General Management, staff health, staff training, policies, procedures, guidelines, vaccines management, cold chain, and antimicrobial stewardship – July 2024

Clinical, sharps, waste, and domestic cleaning – October 2024

As a result of the audit, the following things have been changed in Mansfield Park Surgery:

* A ventilation lead for the practice has been identified and risk assessments completed for areas at risk of poor ventilation.
* Increased frequency of vaccine auditing
* Repairs scheduled and made for building premises and furniture.
* A new cleaning audit schedule was implemented as per the frequency indicated by the National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness.

An audit on Waste Management was undertaken in September 2024. As a result of the audit, the following things have been changed:

* Waste Management policy reviewed and updated.
* Updated training on clinical waste streams
* Updated clinical waste bin label to be in field of vision.

A Hand Hygiene audit was undertaken in April 2024 will all clinical and administration staff taking part. As a result of this audit:

* Reminder given to staff to refer to hand washing poster for best practice
* Clinical staff knowledge refreshed on 5 key moments for hand hygiene.

Mansfield Park Surgery plan to undertake the following audits in 2025-2026:

* Annual Hand hygiene audit
* Infection control audit
* Environmental Cleanliness audit
* Waste audit

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. In the last year the following risk assessments were carried out / reviewed:

* Legionella (Water) risk assessment - The practice has reviewed its water safety risk assessment to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors, or staff.
* Fire Risk assessment
* Ventilation Risk assessment

To reduce risk of infection and promote good health for both staff and patients, we ensure that all of our staff are up to date with their Hepatitis B immunisations and offered any occupational health vaccinations applicable to their role (i.e. MMR, Seasonal Flu, COVID). We take part in the National Immunisation campaigns for patients and offer vaccinations in surgery and via home visits to our patient population.

Training

All clinical and non-clinical staff complete infection control e-learning biennially.

Alice Williams attended virtual updates on 27/06/24 and 26/09/24 provided by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB and completed an IPC refresher course on23/07/24.

Infection Control Advice to Patients

Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout the surgery. In addition, face coverings are encouraged for any patients who have respiratory symptoms such as a cough – if you are acutely unwell with a tummy upset or respiratory illness you may be asked to wait in the car rather than the waiting room to avoid spreading any illness to other vulnerable people. Face masks are available for patients from our reception desk.

There are posters with more information available in the Surgery waiting room.

Policies, procedures and guidelines

Documents relating to Infection Prevention and Control are reviewed in line with national and local guidance changes and updated biennially (or sooner in the event of new guidance) and available to all staff.

Review date

Jan 2026