

# IPC Annual Statement

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Friarwood  
04/12/2024

## Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in August 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 Friarwood Surgery is Shirley Wray Lead Nurse.

The IPC lead is supported by Karen Chapman, Practice Manager.

### Infection transmission incidents (significant events)

Significant events involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events. Positive events are discussed at meetings to allow all staff to be appraised of areas of best practice.

Negative events are managed by the staff member who either identified or was advised of any potential shortcoming. This person will complete a Significant Event Analysis (SEA) form that commences an investigation process to establish what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements.

All significant events are reviewed and discussed at several meetings each month. Any learning points are cascaded to all relevant staff where an action plan, including audits or policy review, may follow.

In the past year there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control. There have also been no complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

### Infection prevention audit and actions

The CQC inspection did not highlight any issues relating to IPC

The IPC inspection was very positive with a score of 94%

### 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 practice can be established and then followed.

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

- General IPC risks
- Staffing, new joiners and ongoing training
- COSHH
- Cleaning standards
- Privacy curtain cleaning or changes
- Staff vaccinations
- Infrastructure changes
- Sharps
- Water safety

- Toys
- Assistance dogs

In the next year, the above will be reviewed again in addition to any new issues that may arise.

### **Training**

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Friarwood all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receive refresher training annually. This is generally via E learning. Face to face sessions may be facilitated if required for specific areas within IPC.

### **Policies and procedures**

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.

### **Responsibility**

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

### **Review**

The IPC lead Shirley Wray lead nurse is responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before 31.8.25.

### **Signed by**

Shirley Wray

For and on behalf of Friarwood surgery