

**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"> <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 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 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 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 &amp; October 2023 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; control update training (e-learning) 92% 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. 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 &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>
<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"> <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>