

## Infection Control Annual Statement 2024/2025

### Purpose

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

- Any learning connected to cases of *C. difficile* infection and *Meticillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus* blood stream infections and action undertaken;
- The annual infection control audit summary and actions undertaken;
- Infection Control risk assessments and actions 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.

### Background:

Alchester Medical Group, Lead for Infection Prevention /Control is Samantha Fincham, role of Deputy Nurse Manager, who is supported by Joanne Jackson, role Nurse Manager.

This team keeps updated with infection prevention & control practices and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.

### Significant events:

Detailed post-infection reviews are carried out across the whole health economy for cases of *C. difficile* infection and *Meticillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) blood stream infections. This includes reviewing the care given by the GP and other primary care colleagues. Any learning is identified and fed back to the surgery for actioning.

This year the surgery has been involved in 3 *C. difficile* case reviews and 3 MRSA blood stream infection reviews. Feedback has included:

### Audits:

Detail what audits were undertaken and by whom and any key changes to practice implemented as a result.

Audit	Date	Auditor/s	Key changes
Infection Prevention Control and Efficacy	14/01/2025	S. Fincham	Some couches need replacing at our Victoria House Surgery site.
Hand Hygiene	14/01/2025	S. Fincham	
ANTT	26/02/2025	S. Fincham / J. Jackson	
National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness Technical	03/01/2025	S. Fincham	

### **Infection Control Risk Assessments:**

Regular Infection Control risk assessments are undertaken to minimise the risk of infection and to ensure the safety of patients and staff. The following Infection Control risk assessments have been completed in the past year and appropriate actions have been taken:

- COVID-19 outbreak
- Provision and cleaning of toys
- Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH)
- Disposal of waste
- Healthcare-associated infections (HCAIs) and occupational infections
- Minor surgery
- Sharps injury
- Use of personal protective clothing/equipment
- Risk of body fluid spills
- Legionella risk assessment
- Buildings and facilities that do not meet IPC best practice

NB – only list risk assessments that have been completed in the past 12-months & ensure there is evidence of actions taken as a result (as the CQC may ask to see these documents). List any Cold Chain events and actions taken.

### **Staff training:**

No. 3 new staff joined this Practice in the past 12-months, and 4 Registrars, and all clinical staff received infection control, hand-washing, and donning and doffing training within 0-months of employment.

75% of the practice patient-facing staff (clinical and reception staff) completed their annual infection prevention & control update training online.

97% of the practice non-patient-facing staff completed their annual infection prevention & control update training online.

The IPC nurse/practitioner attended training updates for their role. Training is provided by the BOB ICB Webinars.

### **Infection Control Advice to Patients:**

Patients are encouraged to use the alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers that are available throughout the Medical Centre/Surgery. Additional IPC measures on hands, face, space have been implemented due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

There are leaflets/posters available in the Medical Centre/Surgery -regarding:

MRSA	Chickenpox & shingles
COVID-19	Norovirus
Influenza	Recognising symptoms of TB
The importance of immunisations (e.g. in childhood and preparation for overseas travel)	

### **Policies, procedures, and guidelines.**

Documents related to infection prevention & control are available to all and reviewed in line with national and local guidance changes and are updated 2-yearly (or sooner in the event of new guidance).