Hart Health Partnership

IPC Annual Statement Report

January 2025

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in January, 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 organisation's 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 carried out 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 Hart Health Partnership is the Hart Health Partners.

The IPC lead is supported by the IFC Champions Sister Helen Grainger and Sister Amanda Blumsom.

a. 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 in 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 which 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 **1 significant event** raised which related to infection control. There have also been No complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

As part of our commitment to infection control IPC is now a standing item on Hart Health Partnerships monthly Quality Meetings.

b. Infection prevention audit and actions

Hart Health Partnership undertakes the following **monthly** audits and are carried out on both sites (Fleet Medical Centre, Branksomewood Road Medical Centre).

- Environmental Audits
- Equipment Audits

Hart Health Partnership undertakes the following **annual** audits and are carried out on both sites (Fleet Medical Centre, Branksomewood Road Medical Centre).

- Handwashing Audit of all staff
- Aseptic technique and competency audit of all clinical staff undertaking procedures.
- Waste Management Audits

IFC lead for Frimley ICB conducted an internal audit January 2024 with some recommendations, these have been added to the practice IFC action plan. Additional recommendations to follow from the IFC inspection.

c. Risk assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that any risk is minimised and made to be as low as is 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
- Cleaning standards
- Staff vaccinations
- Water safety (External by Aquarius)

In the next year, the following risk assessment will also be reviewed:

- Waste Management
- COSHH
- Sharps

d. Training

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Hart Health Partnership all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receive refresher training through Blue Stream Academy and any updates required.

Various elements of IPC training in the previous year have been delivered through the course of the previous year be it online or face to face.

e. 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.

f. Responsibility

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

g. Review

The IPC Champion Sister Helen Grainger and Practice Manager Stephen Wells are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before January 2026.

Signed by



Stephen Wells
For and on behalf of Hart Health Partnership