

Infection Prevention and Control Annual Statement

07/05/2024

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in May, 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 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 Scarborough Medical Group is Adriana Laddomada, Practice Nurse.

The IPC lead is supported by Alice Leckenby, Operations Manager.

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 no significant events raised which related to infection control.

There have also been no complaints made to Scarborough Medical Group regarding cleanliness or infection control.

b. Infection prevention audit and actions

During the last CQC inspection there were no concerns raised regarding IPC standards.

New audit review timescales will be arranged, and regular evaluation and monitoring will take place to ensure that compliance is achieved.

By the end of this year, we aim to complete:

- an annual IPC audit for compliance;
- an annual aseptic technique competency assessment for all staff undertaking aseptic technique;
- a monthly rolling programme to assess staff for hand hygiene technique and PPE donning/doffing;
- a monthly safe management of care equipment audit;
- regular audits for safe management of care environment;
- privacy curtain cleaning or changes audit.

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:

- Water safety

In the next year, the following risk assessments and policies will also be reviewed:

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

d. Training

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Scarborough Medical Group, all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receive refresher training annually.

e. Policies and procedures

All the infection prevention and control-related policies and procedures are under current review and some new policies have been added to the existing ones.

Policies relating to infection prevention and control are available to all staff and are reviewed and will be 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 Scarborough Medical Group to be familiar with this statement, and their roles and responsibilities under it.

g. Review

The IPC lead and Operations Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before May 2025.

Signed by

Adriana Laddomada
For and on behalf of Scarborough Medical Group