

ST RICHARDS ROAD SURGERY

IPC Annual Statement Report

St Richard's Road Surgery
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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 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 St Richard's Road Surgery is Tracey Thompson (IPC Lead and Nurse Practitioner).

The IPC lead is supported by Lindsey Gent.

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 0 (nil) significant events raised which related to infection control. There have also been 0 (nil) complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

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b. Infection prevention audit and actions

- Last full IPC Audit May 2024. Next audit due May 2025
- Last handwashing audit undertaken January 2024. Next audit due January 2025.
- Weekly cleanliness audits undertaken.

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:

- Hand hygiene and hand washing
- Infection Prevention and Control Audit (General)

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

- Infection Prevention and Control (General risks)
- Infection Prevention and Control level II, new joiners and ongoing staff training
- COSHH
- Cleaning standards
- Privacy curtain cleaning or changes
- Staff vaccinations (carried out by Heales Medical OH Provider)
- Sharps
- Clinical and general waste
- Water safety
- Toys
- Assistance dogs

d. Training

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at St Richard's Road Surgery all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receive refresher training annually

Various elements of IPC training in the previous year have been delivered at the following times:

- Hand hygiene and hand washing (All clinicians)
- Infection Prevention and Control level II (All staff)

e. Policies and procedures

The infection prevention and control-related policies and procedures that have been written, updated or reviewed in the last year include, but are not limited, to:

- Infection Prevention and Control Handbook (General)

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Policies relating to infection prevention and control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated at least annually. Additionally, all policies are amended on an ongoing basis as per current advice, guidance and legislation changes.

f. Responsibility

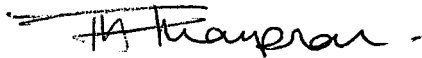
It is the responsibility of all staff members at St Richard's Road Surgery to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

g. Review

The IPC lead and Operational and Patient Services and Operations Lead are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

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

Signed by



Tracey Thompson
IPC Lead
For and on behalf of St Richard's Road Surgery



Anne Carter
Patient Services and Operations Lead
For and on behalf of St Richard's Road Surgery