

## WHADDON HEALTH CARE ANNUAL STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH IPC PRACTICE

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## 1 Statement

This statement will be generated every year 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. It will summarise the following:

- 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 undertaken, and actions needed and performed.
- Details of any risk assessments undertaken for prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures, and guidelines.

## 2 Infection Prevention and Controls

### 2.1. Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead

Whaddon Healthcare has one Lead for IPC: Nurse Manager Karen Smyth who is supported by GP Dr Hamid and the Nursing Team.

### 2.2. Infection transmission incidents (significant events)

Significant events will be investigated in detail to see what can be learnt and to indicate changes that may lead to improvements in the future. All significant events are reviewed in regular significant events meeting and learning shared with all staff.

In the past year there have been no significant events raised that are related to infection control.

### 2.3. Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

The annual Infection Prevention and control audit was carried out during February 2026 by Nurse Manger Karen Smyth, and accompanied for some parts by the cleaning company Manager

As a result of this audit the following has been implemented

- Mandatory training needed to be updated for some members of staff
- Arrangements have been made for one examination couch to be recovered
- Some waiting room chairs showing signs of wear have been removed and will be recovered
- The annual deep clean will be organised
- Some hand wash sinks showing signs of limescale and will be treated

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### **3 Risk Assessments**

#### **3.1. Legionella**

Legionella (Water) Risk Assessment: -Whaddon Health Care has conducted and reviewed its water safety risk assessment to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors, or staff in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH).

#### **3.2. Vaccines**

Risk assessments are conducted annually.

As a practice we ensure that all our staff offered any Occupational Health Vaccines that are applicable to their role. We take part in National Immunisation campaigns for patients and offer vaccinations in the surgery or via home visits for housebound patients and care home residents.

### **4 Cleaning**

#### **4.1. Curtains and blinds:**

The NHS Cleaning Specifications state the curtains should be cleaned or if using disposable curtains, replaced every 12 months. To this effect we use disposable curtains and ensure they are changed every 12 months. The window blinds are extremely low risk and therefore do not require a particular cleaning regime other than regular vacuuming to prevent build-up of dust. The modesty curtains although handled by clinicians are never handled by patients and clinicians have been reminded to always remove gloves and clean hands after an examination and before touching the curtains. All curtains are regularly reviewed and changed if visibly soiled.

#### **4.2. Cleaning specifications, frequencies, and cleanliness:**

We also have a cleaning specification and frequency policy which our cleaners and staff work to. An assessment of cleanliness is conducted by the cleaning team and logged. This includes all aspects in the surgery including cleanliness of equipment.

#### **4.3. Hand washing sinks:**

The practice has clinical hand washing sinks in every room for staff to use.

### **5 Training**

- All our staff should receive annual training in infection prevention and control.
- All clinical and non - clinical staff should have completed e-learning training.
- IPC lead should attend regular IPC Lead Practice Nurse updates.

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### **6 Policies**

All Infection Prevention and Control related policies are in date for this year.

Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually and all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance, and legislation changes. Infection Control policies are circulated amongst staff for reading and discussed at meetings on an annual basis.

### **7 Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of everyone to be familiar with this Statement and their roles and responsibilities under this.

The Infection Prevention and Control Lead is responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement for and on behalf of Whaddon Health Care

### **8 Summary**

This statement of compliance has been raised to support Whaddon Healthcare and provide clear instructions for employees.

Should there be any uncertainties regarding the content of this statement, then advice should be sought from Janine Welham, General Manager.