**Infection Control Annual Statement 2023**

1. **PURPOSE**

In line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of practice on prevention and control of infection and its related guidance, this Annual Statement will be generated each year. It will summarise:

* Any infection transmission incidents and any lessons learnt and action taken
* Details of any infection prevention and control (IPC) audits undertaken and any subsequent actions taken arising from these audits
* Details of any issues that may challenge infection prevention and control including risk assessment undertaken and subsequent actions implemented as a result
* Details of staff IPC training
* Details of review and update of IPC policies, procedures and guidance.

1. **INFECTION CONTROL LEAD**

The Infection Control Lead will enable the integration of Infection Control principles into standards of care within the practice, by acting as a link between the surgery and Brent Infection Control Team. They will be the first point of contact for practice staff in respect of Infection Control issues. They will help create and maintain an environment which will ensure the safety of the patient / client, carers, visitors and health care workers in relation to Healthcare Associated Infection (HCAI).

The Infection Control Lead will carry out the following within the practice:

* Increase awareness of Infection Control issues amongst staff and clients
* Help motivate colleagues to improve practice
* Improve local implementation of Infection Control policies
* Ensure that practice based Infection Control audits are undertaken
* Assist in the education of colleagues
* Help identify any Infection Control problems within the practice and work to resolve these, where necessary in conjunction with the local Infection Control Team
* Act as a role model within the practice
* Disseminate key Infection Control messages to their colleagues within the practice

Practice Infection Control Lead: Sumita Chattopadhyay

Nurse practitioner : Carol Katugampola

Cleaning and Decontamination Lead: **Arti Patel – Practice Manager**

1. **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

There have been no significant events reported regarding infection control issues in the period covered by this report.

1. **AUDITS**

The following audit was carried out in the practice on 17/4/2023

This year an internal annual audit was carried out in adherence to the Code of Practice. The following actions were taken as a result of the feedback/outcome of the audit and we found out the following corrective action needs to be taken. **Wembley Park Drive Medical Centre are due to move to the new premises by 1/4/2024 therefore some of the actioned are postponed.**

* Wallpapers in 2 rooms should be removed but due to oncoming relocation of our GP practice to new premises it is been postponed.
* Socket on the floor exposed which are now removed
* Printer on the floor removed to the upper table.
* Some blinds were missing on some windows which are restored now.
* Floor sealant missing on some rooms but due to oncoming relocation of our GP practice to new premises it is been postponed.
* Cupboard broken road are repaired now.
* Taps on the clinical hand wash basins should not have swan neck fittings and should be considered for replacement. practice is replacing the taps but due to oncoming relocation of our GP practice to new premises it is been postponed.
* Some chairs are broken which are replaced now.
* Some couch has broken surface which need to be replaced but due to oncoming relocation of our GP practice to new premises it is been postponed.
* Cob webs hanging from celling –informed cleaning company and regular cleaning in place now
* Carpets on landing needs changing but due to oncoming relocation of our GP practice to new premises it is been postponed. Carpets been deep cleaned twice a year until move to new premises.
* Wires and lights hanging from ceiling and floor switches are all fixed now.
* Broken skirting bards are repaired now.
* Stained on wall –informed cleaning company which are now cleaned
* Fan on the floor removed for health and safety reason
* Clinical room work surfaces are damaged needs replacement but due to oncoming relocation of our GP practice to new premises it is been postponed. Work surfaces joint are now sealed.
* In clinical areas and associated corridors, there should be a continuous return between the floor and the wall e.g. a coved skirting with a minimum height of 100mm. Due to oncoming relocation of our GP practice to new premises it will be rectified in future.

1. **RISK ASSESSMENTS**

Infection control risk assessment conducted which could include the following:

* Curtains disposable changed every 6 months
* Legionella Risk Assessment carried out including findings and recommendations carried out every year Result – All fine

1. **STAFF TRAINING**

All staff (clinical and non-clinical) have done the IFC training on-line yearly.

The cleaner also attended the IPC training offered by Brent ICT for cleaners only the practice will reviewed periodically ensure the cleaning schedule is adhered to and deep cleaning is done within prescribed timescales

1. **POLICIES, PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES**

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We have updated and consolidated our infection control policies and protocols into one folder ‘Infection Control & Prevention.

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**Date of the statement 1**

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