

Annual Infection Control Statement

It is a requirement of The Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance that the Infection Prevention and Control Lead produces an annual statement with regard to compliance with good practice on infection prevention and control and makes it available for anyone who wishes to see it, including patients and regulatory authorities. As best practice, our Annual Statement will be published on the Practice website. The Annual Statement should provide a short review of any:

- known infection transmission event and actions arising from this
- audits undertaken and subsequent actions
- risk assessments undertaken for prevention and control of infection
- training received by staff
- review and update of policies, procedures and guidance.

Infection Control Annual Statement Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in March 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 summarises:

- 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 undertaken
- 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

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead

The Practice has a Lead for Infection Prevention and Control: Alex Fisher – Lead Nurse

The IPC Lead is supported by: Sarah O'Neill – Practice Manager

The team keep their training updated on infection prevention practice throughout the year.

Infection transmission incidents (Significant Events)

Significant events (which may involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events) are investigated in detail to see what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements. All significant events will be reviewed with all staff. As a result of these events, Baycliff Dental & Implant Surgery has:

- Ensured Infection Control Guidance remains accessible to all staff.
- Will carry out a regular infection control audit on all clinical areas & staff.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

The most recent Infection Prevention and Control audit was completed by Sarah O'Neill – Practice Manager. The practice has conducted its annual IPS audit to ensure infection control measures are adhered to by practice staff.

Training

All our staff receive annual training in infection prevention and control. Infection Control Leads also have an annual update. Information is then disseminated to the clinical and non-clinical team within staff meetings. The team either attends an annual Infection Control Update or completes an annual e-learning update.

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.

The practice has recently been fully refurbished to ensure our decontamination and clinical facilities are of the optimum standard. All staff have received training in the use of all related equipment.

Storage has been allocated to ensure the safe storage of clinical waste prior to collection from the specialist waste company.

Practice flooring is impervious and easy to clean in clinical areas. All members of the team are familiar and trained in their roles.

All staff have completed training in relation to Covid-19, PPE and cross infection control and will continue to do so as and when updates are required.

Responsibility

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

Responsibility for Review

The Infection Prevention and Control Lead and the Practice Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement.

March 2024

Review Date: March 2025