**Annual Statement for Infection Prevention and Control at Westbourne Medical Centre**

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 regarding 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.

**Purpose**

This annual statement will be generated each 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 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**

* Lead for Infection Control: Emma Taylor
* The IPC Lead is supported by: Management Team

The Infection Control Lead attends annual training needs and regular Infection Control updates- last update was March 2024

**Infection Prevention Audit and Actions**

The Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit was completed by Emma Taylor in April 2024, as a result of the audit several suggestions have been made, have been changed, or will be implemented soon.

* re-painting the walls in all non-clinical and clinical areas
* Recarpeting carpeted areas
* Replacing soft material furnishings with wipeable non fabric furnishings such as chairs with fabric
* Replace broken toilet holder, soap dispensers.
* Maintain a clutter free environment.
* Breach of hygiene notices for patients

The following things are on the agenda to be updated:

* Infection control audits to continue throughout the year of 2024/2025
* Maintaining a clean, decluttered environment in clinical and non-clinical areas
* Continue to promote vaccinations for staff and patients.

Westbourne Medical Centre plan to undertake the following audits during 2023/2024.

* Aseptic technique audit- annually
* Hand Hygiene audit - annually
* PPE audit tool- annually
* Decontamination of equipment audit- monthly
* Waste management audit- monthly
* Audits on all rooms depending on the FR rating of each room, following National Cleanliness Guidelines

**Risk Assessments**

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed.

* Legionella (Water) Risk Assessment.
* Immunisation: ensuring that all of our staff are up to date with their Hepatitis B immunisations and offered any occupational health vaccinations applicable to their role (i.e. MMR, Seasonal Flu, Covid).
* Curtains: The NHS Cleaning Specifications state that disposable curtains are replaced every 6/12 months depending on the FR rating. We use disposable curtains and ensure that curtains in our minor op room are changed every 6 months, in other clinical/consultation rooms, they are replaced every 12 months, blinds are damp dusted annually. All curtains and blinds are regularly reviewed and changed if visibly soiled.
* We follow a cleaning specifications and frequency depending on the FR rating of each room.

**Training**

* All our staff receive mandatory training on infection prevention and control via Blue stream

**Policies**

* All our policies are adopted from Infection Prevention Control Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust and are reviewed frequently
* [www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk](http://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk)
* It is the responsibility of each employee to ensure that Infection Prevention and Control Policies are followed at all times.

**Review Date-** May 2025