## Dorridge Surgery Infection Control Annual Statement Report

**30/01/2024**

**Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) lead**

The lead for infection prevention and control at Dorridge Surgery is Senior Practice Nurse Rebecca Beckett.

The IPC lead is supported by Practice Nurses Samantha Breeze, Louise Dunnion & Sharon Peacey.

**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 of 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 that 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] significant events raised that related to infection control. There have also been [0] complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

**b. Infection prevention audit and actions**

Internal IPC Audit conducted on 10/01/2024.

**c. Risk assessments**

Risk assessments are carried out so that any risk is minimised to be as low as reasonably practicable. Additionally, a risk assessment that can identify best practice can be established and then followed.

During this year, the following risk assessments under review/due to be reviewed:

* Storage of Mops and Buckets
* General IPC risks
* Staffing, new joiners and ongoing training
* COSHH
* Cleaning standards
* Privacy curtain cleaning or changes
* Staff vaccinations
* Infrastructure changes
* Sharps
* Water safety
* Assistance dogs

**d. Training**

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Dorridge 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: six weekly nursing team meetings, monthly team meetings.

**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:

* Cleaning Schedule
* Clinical waste Management
* Needlestick Injuries
* Sample/Specimen Handling
* Sharps safety
* General Infection Prevention & Control
* Asepsis

Policies relating to infection prevention and control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated 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 Dorridge Surgery to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

**g. Review**

The IPC lead and Amanda Shakespeare – Practice Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before January 2025

**Signed by**

Rebecca Beckett

For and on behalf of Dorridge Surgery