



Infection Prevention and Control Annual Statement 2024

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year. It summarizes the following:

- Any infections transmission incidents and action taken (these will be reported in accordance with our Significant Event Policy)
- The annual infection prevention and control audit(s) and action (s) undertaken
- Control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training (both part of induction and annual training) with regards to Infection prevention and control
- Details of infection control advice to patients
- Any review and update of Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines

Covid-19 Pandemic

We follow the national guidelines on wearing personal protection equipment i.e. a face covering when seeing patients face to face if the patient presents with any respiratory symptoms.

Background

Tadley Medical Partnership Leads for infection prevention and control are:

1 GP Partner, 1 Nurse Manager and The Practice Management Team with assistance from the Nursing Team and practice as a whole.

The team is kept up to date with infection prevention and control and share necessary information with staff and patients throughout the year.



Significant Events Relating to Infection Prevention and Control

In the past year (January to December 2023) there have been no reported significant events raised that related to infection prevention and/or control.

Audits

All audits are on-going and completed at regular intervals.

All sites completed a detailed and specific decontamination audit and action plan.

Staff Training

All staff complete an annual infection prevention and control training, either face to face training or via e-learning.

The infection prevention and control (IPC) lead Nurses attends six monthly links meeting with the IPC Lead at the ICB and cascades the information to all relevant staff at regular intervals.

Risk Assessments

Regular risk assessments are undertaken to minimise the risk of infection and to ensure the safety of patients and staff. Risk assessments related to infection control has been completed in the past year and appropriate actions have been taken.

Cleaning Specification, Frequencies and Cleanliness of Equipment



It is the responsibility of each clinician to clean treatment areas/GP rooms and equipment between patients. This is more so important since the inception of Covid -19 Pandemic.

Curtains

Disposable modesty curtains are used in all clinical rooms and are changed on a rolling regular basis.

Flooring

All clinical areas have laid vinyl floor which is easy wipeable for any spillages etc.

Furniture

All furniture in patient's areas is made of easily cleanable substance and again wipeable in case of any spillages or bloodily fluid.

Infection Prevention Control Advice to Patients

Both sites offer alcohol hand gel/sanitiser dispensers within the waiting rooms, when entering and leaving the building and throughout for patients to use.

Patients who are thought to have a contagious infection are asked to wait in the designated isolation room.

There have been no reported cases of MRSA acquired in the practice.

Information is available on both the practice website and NHS websites (and links sent to the patients using AccuRx) for any relevant diseases including:



- Measles and MMR
- Pneumococcal vaccinations / Chicken pox & shingles vaccinations
- HPV
- Whooping cough and pregnancy
- Meningitis & septicemia vaccinations / Sepsis
- MRSA / Hepatitis B
- The importance of immunisations (e.g. in childhood and in preparation for overseas travel)
- Seasonal flu and Covid-19 vaccinations

Policies, Procedures & Guidelines

The practice has a comprehensive Infection Prevention and Control Policy which is reviewed annually or as and when changes occur in line with national and local guidance changes.