

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Annual Statement 2024
Woodbrook Medical Centre

Woodbrook Medical Centre is committed to the control of infection within the building and in relation to clinical procedures carried out within it.

This statement is generated annually in April and has been produced in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and details the practices compliance with guidelines on infection control and cleanliness.

IPC leads for the practice are Practice Nurse Emily Sumner who is supported by Business Manager Anna Ingle.

Incidents

All significant events are reviewed and discussed at the practice MDT meetings each month. Any learning points are cascaded to all relevant staff.

In the past year there have been no significant events raised that related to Infection Control. There have been no complaints relating to cleanliness or infection control.

Staff training

There is a planned PowerPoint presentation to staff at Woodbrook Medical Centre regarding waste management and needle stick injuries in May this year. To be undertaken by Practice Nurses Emily and Claire. We plan to use this opportunity to undertake a hand hygiene audit with staff.

Cleaning audits

An early morning cleaning audit has been undertaken and the results have been fed back to the cleaning company.

Monthly audit

A monthly safe management of the care environment audit is completed and the results are fed back to the management team.

Hand hygiene audit

The last hand hygiene audit completed was 18.5.2023.

The next audit is due to take place in May 2024.

Waste and sharps audits

Waste audits are completed by Business Manager Anna Ingle.

Three monthly sharps bin audits are completed by Practice Nurse Emily Sumner.

Cold chain review

- Cold Chain Policy in place
- Vaccines close-to-expiry stock are clearly labelled and vaccines continue to be rotated in date order.
- A new vaccine fridge obtained last year to improve storage of vaccines due to capacity being too low in flu time.
- Fridges have internal temperature readings inside the fridges and information downloaded weekly.
- A medical grade Cold Box is available in the practice in case emergency transfer of vaccinations is required.
- Fridge temperatures continue to be checked once a day.

Practice annual IPC audit and actions

The last audit was undertaken in February 2023 and resulted in the following actions:

- Fabric desk chairs were replaced with wipeable seating in 8 of the clinical rooms.
- Swing waste bins in the toilets were replaced with plastic pedal bins.
- Several broken clinical waste bins were replaced.
- Curtains in clinical areas to be changed 6 monthly or if soiled.

The annual audit for 2024 is pending completion.

The practice is currently undergoing staged renovation with the consultation rooms and reception areas undergoing redecoration and new televisions in the waiting areas. Further work is planned to include redecoration of the rest of the practice with replacement floor coverings.

Risk Assessments

In the last year the following risk assessments were carried out:

- Legionella (Water) Risk Assessments: The practice reviews its water safety risk assessment to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors or staff.
- The use of alcohol gel in waiting areas.
- Curtains: Disposable curtains are used in clinical rooms and are changed every 6 months. All curtains are regularly reviewed and changed more frequently if damaged or soiled.

Policies

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.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all the staff at Woodbrook Medical Centre to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

Review

The IPC Lead and the Registered Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement. This annual statement will be updated on or before 17th April 2025.

Signed by Practice Nurse Emily Sumner

Infection Prevention and Control Lead

For and on behalf of Woodbrook Medical Centre.