**Infection Control Annual Statement 16/1/2023**

**Aim**

* Provide and maintain a clean and tidy surgery
* Prevent and control the risk of the acquisition of an infection in all our activities
* Promote a safe environment for all patients, staff, users, visitors and the public

**Purpose**

The Annual Statement will be generated each year in January. It will summarise:-

* Details of any infection control audits undertaken, and actions taken
* Significant events relating to infection control and subsequent action plan
* Details of any infection control risk assessments undertaken, and actions taken
* Review of training, policies, procedures and guidelines

**Background**

* The IPC lead is Julia Hawkhead (JH) (Practice Nurse)
* The Practice Manager Kay Harvey (KH) oversees compliance

**Significant Events**

There have not been any significant events relating to infection control during the past year.

**Audit**

Up until November 2022 the Infection control lead has completed a self-audit for the surgery yearly and then a face-to-face audit has been completed by the IPC team tri-annually. JH completed this audit 12/07/22 The general standard of cleanliness was variable with some dust accumulation on high surfaces, couch frames and bins. The cleaning and facilities management is provided by Leeds City Council. JH and MH have worked with the cleaner to ensure that these are now up to standard. Compliance with sharps and PPE management was noted to be good and the team were applauded for their high standards in these areas. In November 2022 National Standards of Cleanliness were introduced for GP surgeries. The surgery’s Primary Care Network have funded a contract for one year for the National Standards Service with NTH. They will be attending the surgery this week to assess cleanliness and make recommendations so that we can achieve these national standards.

**Policies, Procedures and Guidelines**

Policies relating to Infection control are reviewed and updated every 3 years. However, all policies are amended on an on-going basis as current advice changes.

 Written by J Hawkhead IPC Lead