

## **IPC annual statement report**

### **Withnell Health Centre**

**Feb 2026**

#### **Purpose**

This annual statement will be generated each year in February, 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. The report will be published on the Practice Website and will include the following summary:

- 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 carried out and actions undertaken
- Details of any risk assessments undertaken for the prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

#### **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead**

The Lead for infection prevention and control at Withnell Health Centre is Nicola Phillipson, Practice Manager.

The IPC Lead is supported by Sarah Bright – Practice Nurse

##### **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 in 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 which 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 practice meetings. 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 which related to infection control. There have also been 0 complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

**b. Infection prevention audit and actions**

Infection Control Audit is undertaken annually in February and relevant actions are taken. A copy is saved and available on the Practice Shared Drive.

**c. Risk assessments**

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

In the last year, the following risk assessments were carried out/reviewed:

COSHH

General IPC inspections

Staff training (including joiners)

Privacy Curtain Changes

Staff vaccinations – (Clinical staff checked upon commencement. All staff encouraged to have Influenza and Covid-19)

**d. Training**

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Withnell Health Centre, all staff 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:

Via Bluestream academy staff update their training when appropriate. Practice Manager and Assistant Practice Manager monitor this.

**e. Policies and procedures**

The infection prevention and control-related policies and procedures have all been written, updated or reviewed in the last year.

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 Withnell Health Centre to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

**g. Review**

The IPC Lead, Nicola Phillipson, is responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before 24<sup>th</sup> February 2027

**Signed by**

Nicola Phillipson

For and on behalf of Withnell Health Centre