

New Longton Surgery

Annual IPC Statement 2023-24

August 2024

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 organisation's 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 New Longton Surgery is Lindsey Whiteley, 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 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 which related to infection control. There have also been 0 complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

b. Infection prevention audit and actions

An Infection Prevention Audit was completed in July 2024 and resulted in the following actions:

Problem Identified	Considerations	Responsibility	Date to be completed
GP room sink has an overflow	To be considered if the practice refurbishes the room	Dr Whitworth/Practice Manager	Ongoing
GP room cluttered	The recent refurbishment has meant that the GP room has been used for storage. This should be reviewed	Dr Whitworth/Practice Manager	August 2024
GP room partly carpeted	The area where clinical examinations/procedures would take place has vinyl flooring. To consider replacing the carpeted section when refurbished in the future or carpet needs replacing	Dr Whitworth/Practice Manager	Ongoing

c. Infection audits/ Risk assessments

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

- Handwashing audit
- Infection control audit
- Fridge audit
- Safe management of the care environment monthly audit
- Cleaning audits
- Legionella risk assessment

d. Training

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at New Longton Surgery all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receive refresher training 3 years for non-clinical staff and every 12 months for clinical staff.

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:

- Infection prevention and control handbook
- Waste management protocol

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 new Longton Surgery to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

g. Review

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

This annual statement will be updated on or before August 2025.

Signed by

Debbie Sands

For and on behalf of New Longton Surgery