

INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL: ANNUAL STATEMENT

Glastonbury Surgery

April 2025

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in April, 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.

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) lead

The lead for infection prevention and control at Glastonbury Surgery is Jenny Brown, Lead Nurse.

The IPC lead is supported by the partners and members of the nursing team.

a. Untoward incidents and outbreaks

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.

In the last 12 months an untoward incident with a sample storage fridge occurred. It was noted as part of the daily checks that the fridge temperature for the designated specimen fridge was exceeding the cold chain requirements.

Sample & specimens were moved to another vaccine fridge whilst a new fridge was purchased and installed. The vaccines were moved to another fridge whilst the specimens were stored and the fridge was cleaned before vaccines were returned to the fridge.

b. Infection prevention audit and actions

The following audits are conducted on at least an annual basis:

- Minor Operations
- Waste Management
- Cleaning Standards
- Cold Chain
- Infection, Prevention & Control – Compliance Audit

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:

- Staffing, new joiners and ongoing training
- COSHH
- Cold Chain
- Cleaning standards

- Waste management
- Handling of specimens
- Sharps
- Water safety
- Assistance dogs

We review, update and add risks on an annual, or sooner if an event occurs.

d. Training

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Glastonbury Surgery all staff and contractors 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 through on-line training and opportunistically when events occur.

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 & Control Policy
- Cold Chain Policy
- Health & Safety: Handling & disposing of Sharps
- Health & Safety: Assistance Dogs
- Health & Safety: Cleaning up spillage
- Health & Safety: Disposing of waste
- Health & Safety: Handling Specimens
- Health & Safety: Needlestick injury
- Health & Safety: Personal Protective Equipment

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

g. Review

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

This annual statement will be updated on or before April 2026.

Signed by

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Practice Manager

For and on behalf of Glastonbury Surgery