

# INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL: ANNUAL STATEMENT

## Glastonbury Surgery

April 2026

### **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 with Joanne Taylor NP as her deputy.

The named IP+C lead has undertaken a two-day external training course and attends monthly updates with the Somerset Infection Control team and undertakes mandatory online training and more recently a one day South West Infection prevention update. The deputy attended the same one-day annual review. The IP+C lead has four hours allocated administration time each week to include IP+C work.

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 occurred when Glastonbury Surgery unfortunately suffered a series of power cuts. The source of the power cuts was attributed to a National Grid sub-station that was suffering multiple failures during September & October 2025.

During the power outages we were able to identify which fridges reached temperatures above the required range in accordance with the cold chain policy.

In collaboration with NHS England, the surgery assessed the impact on vaccine stock and complied with manufacture guidance. There was a significant amount of stock discarded, and safety destroyed to ensure compliance with safety standards.

Our business continuity plan was followed in the event of a loss of power and efforts to enhance resilience were put in place. With the combination of unscheduled power outages occurring whilst the surgery was closed and high levels of stock, the daily control, audit and robust management of the cold chain was essential.

NHS England were complimentary of the surgery cooperation and responsiveness to the incident “Thank you again for your cooperation throughout this process. Please do pass on our appreciation to the wider team for their support and responsiveness in helping to manage this incident.”

The surgery completed all required reports audits and a Significant Event Analysis to mitigate the future impact of a similar event. The cause of the power outage was beyond the control of the surgery and the responsibility of National Grid.

**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
- Hand Hygiene
- 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
- Infectious diseases – FFP3 provision
- 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 2027.

**Signed by**

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For and on behalf of Glastonbury Surgery