

## **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Annual Statement 2023-2024**

Chapelgreen Practice is committed to the control of infection within the building and in relation to the clinical procedures carried out within it. This statement has been produced in line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and details the Practice's compliance with guidelines on infection control and cleanliness between the dates of 01/04/2023 and 31/04/2024.

IPC lead for the practice is Lisa Carrack.

IPC deputy is Jemma Dawson (Operations Manager).

### ***This annual statement will summarise:***

- Any infection transmission incidents and actions taken
- Details of IPC audits/risk assessments undertaken and actions taken
- Details of staff training
- Details of IPC advice to patients
- Any review/update of IPC policies and procedures
- Incidents

### **Incidents**

There have been no reported incidents regarding IPC

### **Staff Training**

All staff have been allocated annual IPC training in 2023/24 through bluestream, with an 90% completion rate.

IPC issues/updates are discussed regularly throughout the year in clinical/practice meetings.

Staff are encouraged to raise any IPC concerns with any of the managers or IPC lead, which will be included in our risk register.

### **Audits**

An internal audit was carried out in February 2024, audit report available upon request.

### **Hand Hygiene Audits**

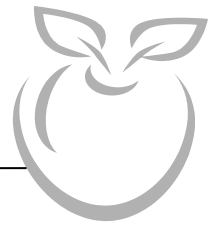
Staff are aware of the importance of hand hygiene in reducing healthcare associated infections, the Practice has visual guides at all sink areas, and the Practice is scheduled to undertake an audit during 2024/25.

### **Waste and Sharps Audits**

The Practice has an annual Waste and Sharps Audit as part of the Practice Clinical Waste Audit, a forthcoming clinical waste audit will take place during summer 2024.

### **Cleaning Audits**

Weekly self-management cleaning audit on all office and clinical spaces, by the domestic staff.



## **Cold Chain Review**

- Cold Chain Policy in place
- More staff were aware how to order, receive and care for vaccines
- Vaccines close-to-expiry stock are clearly labelled and vaccines continues to be rotated in date order.
- Fridges have internal temperature readings inside the fridges and information downloaded weekly.
- A medical grade Cold Box is available in the practice in case emergency transfer of vaccinations is required.
- Fridge temperatures continues to be checked once a day

## **Practice Annual IPC Audit**

The last Annual IPC Audit was completed in July 2022. Whilst this is an annual Audit, action points arising from this audit are reviewed with governance manager and community matron.

The following improvements were undertaken and are now in place further to these audits:

- The practice is to start publishing Annual IPC Statement in their website.
- Cleaning schedule updated
- Flushing of taps introduced as required when request by WSFT
- Resus trolley replaced to better standard
- New building work including the required Healthcare cleanliness standards

## **Risk Assessments**

Risk assessments are performed on a required basis. We have recently completed Display screen assessment for most staff members. A Health and Safety risk assessment is done on annual basis and COSHH risk assessment carried out within the last 12 months. Legionella and Fire safety management are maintained by external providers and are up to date.

## **IPC Policy**

The IPC Policy has been updated as part of document review.