CLARENCE MEDICAL CENTRE

INFECTION CONTROL ANNUAL STATEMENT 2026

PURPOSE

This annual statement will be generated every year in accordance with the requirements of The Health and Social Care Act 2008 code of Practice on the prevention and control of infection and related guidance.
It summarises:

Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with out Significant Event Procedure)

Details of any infection control audits undertaken, and any actions taken

Details of any risk assessments undertaken for prevention and control of infection

Details of staff training

Any review and update of policies, procedure and guidelines

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC) LEAD

Infection Control leads for the surgery are Practice Manager Heather Morse, PN Andrea Littlewood and HCA Nicola Pyatt

They take yearly training with updates throughout the year and are supported by the local infection control team.

INFECTION TRANSMISSION INCIDENTS (SIGNIFICANT EVENTS)

Significant events (which may involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events) are investigated in detail to see what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements. All significant events are reviewed and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff

We have had no significant events raised that relate to surgery required infection

INFECTION PREVENTION AUDITS AND ACTIONS

The latest Annual Infection Prevention and Control Audit was completed in November 2024 by Vanessa Seebourth, Infection Control Nurse, Heather Morse, Andrea Littlewood and Nicola Pyatt.

No Infection Control risks were identified at the time, correct procedures were followed .

Clarence Medical Centre plan to undertake the following audits in 2026

- Annual Infection Prevention Audit
- Cold chain policy – Vaccine storage and handling
- Hand Hygiene audits

RISK ASSESSMENTS

Risk assessments are carriedoput so that best practice can be established and then followed. In the last year, the following risk assessments were carried out/reviewed: