

Annual statement on compliance with IPC practice (including cleanliness) for General Practice Template

Purpose of the 'Annual statement'

The Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infection and related guidance requires the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead to produce an annual statement. This statement should be made available for anyone who wishes to see it, including patients and regulatory authorities and should also be published on the General Practice website.

Introduction

This Annual statement has been drawn up on 2 September 2026 in accordance with the requirement of the Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance for Friary House Surgery. It summarises:

1. Infection transmission incidents and actions taken
2. IPC audits undertaken and subsequent actions implemented
3. Risk assessments undertaken and any actions taken for prevention and control of infection
4. Staff training
5. Review and update of IPC policies, procedures and guidelines
6. Antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship

1. Infection transmission incidents

No infection transmission incidents are recorded in the annual IPC audit workbook used to prepare this statement. This section should be updated if the practice has a separate incident log or significant-event record for the reporting period.

2. IPC Audits and actions

The practice completed its annual IPC audit during 2026. The audit reviewed the main areas of infection prevention and control across the practice and found that, while a number of standards were being met, there were also areas requiring attention.

Areas for improvement included hand hygiene, patient infection-risk arrangements, management of spillages, care equipment and the general care environment. Other areas, including PPE, linen and sharps management, were generally well managed.

Actions from the audit have been added to the practice IPC action plan. These include reviewing signage and guidance, checking infection-risk arrangements, ensuring spill kits and other supplies are available, reinforcing safe sharps practice, and addressing cleaning, decontamination and environmental issues where required. Progress will be reviewed and the audit repeated as appropriate.

3. Risk Assessments

IPC risks identified through the annual audit are being addressed through the practice action plan. These include patient infection-risk arrangements, management of blood and body-fluid spillages, equipment decontamination and the care environment. Any further risks identified during the year will be recorded and acted on in line with practice procedures.

4. Staff training

IPC training is provided to staff in line with practice requirements. Training records are maintained separately and should be checked as part of the annual review to ensure required updates are completed.

5. IPC Policies, procedures and guidance

IPC policies, procedures and guidance are reviewed in line with practice requirements and updated where necessary. The audit also highlighted the importance of keeping relevant IPC posters and guidance available and visible in clinical areas.

6. Antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship

Antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship are monitored separately from the annual IPC audit. Relevant prescribing reviews and improvement work should be recorded through the practice's usual prescribing and medicines governance arrangements.

Forward plan/Quality improvement plan

Issue	Actions	Date for completion	Person responsible	Progress
Hand hygiene	Review hand-hygiene arrangements and address any issues identified.	Ongoing	IPC Lead	
Patient infection risk	Review current arrangements for identifying and managing patients with an infection risk.	Ongoing	IPC Lead / Manager	
PPE	Check that current PPE guidance is available in the appropriate areas.	Ongoing	IPC Lead	
Respiratory hygiene	Check respiratory and cough-hygiene information and replace or update where needed.	Ongoing	IPC Lead	
Waste and sharps	Continue to monitor waste and sharps arrangements and address any issues found.	Ongoing	IPC Lead	
Spillages	Check spill kits, supplies and local arrangements and replace or update where required.	As required	IPC Lead	
Linen, curtains and blinds	Review cleaning and change arrangements and update schedules where needed.	Ongoing	IPC Lead	
Sharps injuries	Ensure current needlestick/inoculation injury guidance is available to staff.	Ongoing	IPC Lead	
Care environment	Continue to address cleaning, clutter and maintenance issues identified through routine checks and audit.	Ongoing	IPC Lead / Manager	

Forward plan/Quality improvement plan review date:

Reviewed as part of ongoing IPC and practice governance arrangements.

IPC statement and Forward plan/Quality improvement plan for presentation to:

Friary House Surgery governance / practice meeting