

# Didcot Health Centre

## Annual Infection Control Statement

### Introduction

Didcot Health Centre 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 01/08/2018 and 31/07/2019.

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### Infection Control Lead

The practice's clinical lead for infection control is Laura Murphy, Practice Nurse.

The practice's non-clinical lead for infection control is Gill Suter, Assistant Practice Manager.

The infection control leads have the following duties and responsibilities within the practice:

- Initial and ongoing staff training for Infection Prevention and Control (IP&C)
- Provision of appropriate staff resources
- IP&C Audits and assessing risk monthly/yearly implementing action plans for improvement
- Updating policies

### Significant Events related to Infection Control

There was 1 significant event relating to handling of sharps bins. This was risk assessed in line with current guidelines and a new protocol for removing sharps bins was produced (see Action Plan).

### Audits relating to Infection Control

The following audits relating to Infection Control have been undertaken at the practice between the dates of 01/08/2018 and 31/07/2019, and the following recommendations and/or actions plans were produced in response to the findings:

An audit of Didcot Health centre was undertaken on 19/07/2019 by Laura Murphy and Gill Suter (IP&C leads) covering the following areas:

- Bodily Fluid Spillage
- Environmental, including staff only areas offices and kitchen
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Sharps Handling
- Specimen Handling
- Vaccine Transport and Storage

Hand Hygiene audits were carried out on all staff between 22-23/07/2019.

A Waste Management audit was carried out by Gill Suter on 02/03/2019.

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## **Practice Policies, Procedures and Guidance relating to Infection Control**

The practice maintains the upkeep of the following policies, procedures and guidance related to infection control. These policies, procedures and guidance are reviewed and updated annually as well as being amended on an ongoing basis to keep up with changes in regulation etc.

- Infection Prevention and Control policy
- Aseptic Non-Touch Technique Policy
- Blood Borne Viruses
- Cold Chain Policy
- Disposable Curtains Protocol
- Hand Hygiene Policy
- Infection Prevention and Control Audits
- Sharps Management and Inoculation Injuries
- Specimen Collection
- Spillages Protocol
- Standard Precaution Policy
- Waste Management Policy

## **Training relating to Infection Control**

All staff receive online infection and control training suitable for their role in the surgery annually. In addition to this we also use the Infection Prevention and Control policies and guidance for General Practice, developed by NHS Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group. These documents are available for our staff to refer to on site at any time.

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## Actions arising from the Infection Control Audit, July 2019

What	By whom	By when	Completed
Room audits will continue to be carried out by HCAs on a weekly basis	All HCAs	on-going	on-going
Risk assessment conducted relating to staff carrying filled sharps bins to the store ready for collection. Large 'bottle bin' ordered for safe storage and transportation of filled sharps containers.	GS	asap	24/07/2019
A rolling plan is in place to decorate rooms, remove carpets, and replace with washable floor coverings; three consulting rooms and patient interview/isolation room remain carpeted	GS	31/03/2020	
Vertical blind panels to be replaced in some clinical rooms	GS	31/03/2020	
Grouting and sealant to be replaced in two staff areas	AT	30/09/2019	
Arm of one seat in patient sub-waiting room to be replaced	AT	31/08/2019	
Wall-mounted apron holders to be provided for rooms that are now for dual purpose GP/PN use	GS/AT	30/09/2019	
Clinical staff to be responsible for weekly cleaning of children's toys kept in their rooms. + Spot checks	All clinical	on-going	on-going
One patient toilet out of use due to broken extractor fan – booked in for repair	GS	31/07/2019	
All staff to be reminded <i>always</i> to take away and wash their cups/glasses at the end of their day. + Spot checks	GS	asap	19/7/19
Keyboard covers to be considered for use in treatment rooms. Risk assessment to be carried out	GS	31/08/2019	
One couch repair needed	GS	31/08/2019	
GP consulting room noticeboards to be decluttered, and long-term posters to be laminated; all items on treatment room noticeboards to be laminated	All staff	31/08/2019	
Wi-Fi data loggers bought for all clean utility room fridges; all nursing team staff to be trained in their use	GS	31/07/2019	24/07/2019
Aircon unit to be purchased for clean utility	GS	31/07/2019	