

306 Medical Centre

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Annual Statement

Reporting Period: 16 June 2025 – 16 June 2026

Purpose

This annual statement has been produced 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.

The statement is published on the practice website and summarises:

- Infection transmission incidents and actions taken.
- Infection prevention and control audits undertaken and subsequent actions.
- Risk assessments completed for the prevention and control of infection.
- Staff education and training.
- Reviews and updates of infection prevention and control policies and procedures.

Infection Prevention and Control Lead

The Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Leads are the Duty Practice Nurses, **Ijeoma Ogbata** and **Allison Otchere**.

The IPC Leads are supported by **Mr Mo Dawood**, Practice Service Development Manager.

a. Infection Transmission Incidents (Significant Events)

Significant Events include examples of both good practice and incidents where improvements can be made.

Positive events are shared during practice meetings to promote good practice across the organisation.

Where concerns are identified, the relevant staff member completes a Significant Event Analysis (SEA), which initiates an investigation to identify learning points and implement improvements where appropriate.

All Significant Events are reviewed regularly at practice meetings. Learning outcomes are shared with relevant staff and may result in additional audits, policy updates or changes to working practices.

During this reporting period, there were **no Significant Events relating to Infection Prevention and Control**.

Two complaints relating to cleanliness or infection prevention and control were received during the reporting period. Following investigation, neither complaint was upheld.

b. Infection Prevention and Control Audits

The practice undertakes regular Infection Prevention and Control audits throughout the year.

These include:

- Environmental cleaning audits.
- Reviews of cleaning schedules and records.
- Monitoring of clinical cleaning standards.
- Equipment cleaning checks.
- Reviews of documented risk assessments.

All staff complete mandatory Infection Prevention and Control training through Bluestream Academy and are responsible for maintaining appropriate standards within their designated work areas.

Cleaning records are maintained and reviewed regularly. Any issues identified are communicated promptly to the cleaning contractor, with corrective actions implemented and monitored through ongoing feedback and follow-up audits.

c. Risk Assessments

Risk assessments relating to Infection Prevention and Control are undertaken every 6–12 months or sooner if significant changes occur.

During the reporting period, the following actions were completed:

- All blinds were measured for replacement where required.
- Privacy curtains are inspected every six months and replaced in accordance with national guidance or sooner if visibly soiled.
- The cleaning contractor was informed of identified shortfalls in cleaning standards, and a process of regular monitoring and feedback has been implemented.
- Routine assessments of cleaning standards, COSHH compliance, sharps safety, staff vaccinations, water safety and the clinical environment were completed.

d. Staff Training

All staff receive Infection Prevention and Control training as part of their induction programme and complete mandatory annual refresher training through Bluestream Academy.

Relevant staff also participate in Significant Event discussions, audit reviews and risk assessment updates to ensure learning is shared throughout the practice.

Training records are monitored to ensure compliance with mandatory training requirements.

e. Policies and Procedures

The practice reviews its Infection Prevention and Control Policy regularly to ensure it remains current and reflects national guidance.

Related Infection Prevention and Control policies and procedures are available to all staff via the practice shared drive and are reviewed at regular intervals, or sooner if national guidance or legislation changes.

f. Responsibility

All staff employed by 306 Medical Centre are responsible for maintaining high standards of Infection Prevention and Control and for complying with the practice's Infection Prevention and Control policies and procedures.

g. Review

The IPC Leads, supported by **Mr Mo Dawood**, Practice Service Development Manager, are responsible for producing and reviewing this annual statement.

This statement will be reviewed annually or sooner if significant changes to legislation, national guidance or practice procedures occur.

The practice remains committed to maintaining high standards of Infection Prevention and Control to safeguard patients, staff and visitors. We continually monitor our Infection Prevention and Control arrangements to ensure compliance with current legislation, national guidance and best practice, and will continue to review and improve our procedures where appropriate.

Signed

Dr M Chawdhery

For and on behalf of **306 Medical Centre**

Date: 16 June 2026