Infection Control Statement

2026

In line with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and other related legislations, General Practices must meet the requirements to ensure robust measures are in place for prevention and control of infections. Park House Surgery will release yearly statements elucidating our compliance with good practice of infection prevention and control (IPC).

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL LEAD PERSONS

Sasha Mason – GPA
Kate Blight- Practice Nurse

Their main role is to mitigate the practice to ensure a clean and safe environment for staff, patients and any other members of the public visiting the surgery.

The IPC lead persons are supported by all staff, including but not limiting Practice Manager/s, GPs, Reception and Admin team.

INFECTION TRANSMISSION INCIDENTS (significant events)

Within the past year, there has been no significant events regarding infection prevention and control.

There have been no complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

INFECTION PREVENTION AUDITS AND ACTIONS

The audit was carried out by the IPC leads in Feb 26. The purpose of the audit was to do a general IPC check across all areas. Details below are the main aspects checked and the issues found.

- Hand hygiene

New posters are to be laminated and mounted along with staff refresher training to be carried once a year during surrey heath education days.

- PPE

Posters for 'Correct order for putting on and removing personal and protective equipment' will be added to all clinical rooms where not seen.

- Safe disposal of waste, including sharps

New posters will be available and placed in all clinical rooms. And refresher training given to reception staff and admin team on who to report to when disposing waste.

- Safe management of blood and bodily fluid spillages

Should a spillage of blood and bodily fluids occur, staff have been made aware that only those with Hep B vaccinations should clean. Spillage kits recently been re-filled

- Safe management of care equipment

Cleaning products were replaced to ensure all were in date, no expired products left in cupboard as a precaution. Fridge temp logging has now been moved to online as well as room checks soon to be moved to online portals.

- Safe management of linen, including uniforms and workwear

Fabric blinds need changing or removing, clinical rooms are priority, window screens will be added in replacement of blinds in areas it is possible.
Disposable couch roll will be fitted or stored in wall mounted dispensers in each clinical room where identified it is required.

- Posters

Posters on walls to be removed only laminated or framed posters that are required to be up for infection control should be placed around the surgery.

No major infection risks were identified in this audit.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

Risk assessments are carried out so any risk identified to do with infection can be minimised and so the best practice can be established.

The following risk assessments have been carried out.

- Closing and sealing of sharps box
- Legionella
- Fans and AC
- Emergency drug bag
- Sluice room
- Privacy curtain changes
- Waiting room

TRAINING

All staff at Park House Surgery are required to complete IPC training online when hired. It is then updated annually for all staff members, who are encouraged to continue professional development requirements for disinfection and decontamination.

POLICIES

Polices including infection prevention and control, and cleaning standards have been updated in the past year. Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are available for all staff and are reviewed and updated on an annual or on-going basis depending on changes to current advice, guidance and legislation changes. Infection control policies are circulated across all staff and discussed at meetings when necessary.

RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of all staff including partners at Park House Surgery to uphold the standards of infection control required and set out within the IPC statement.

REVIEW

The IPC leads are responsible to reviewing on an ongoing basis when required, GP partners are available to assist the reviews. The IPC statement is produced by IPC leads and overseen by GP Partners.

Signed by

Dated:
Dictated by: Sasha Mason
Signed by: Dr Lancashire