



### Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in January 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*. It summarises:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our Significant Event procedure)
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken, and actions undertaken
- Details of any risk assessments undertaken for prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures, and guidelines

### Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead

Sandra Edwards Nurse Team Leader

Supported by Ruth Nobes

### Infection transmission incidents (Significant Events)

Significant events involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events.

Positive events are discussed at meetings to allow staff to be appraised of areas of best practice.

Negative events are managed by the staff member who identified or was advised of any potential shortcoming. This person will complete a significant Event Analysis (SEA) form that commences an investigation process to establish what can be learnt and to indicate changes that may lead to future improvements.

All significant events are reviewed and discussed in several meetings regularly held. Any learning points are cascaded to all relevant staff such as action plans, including audits or policy review.

In the past year there have been 0 significant events related to Infection Control.

### Infection Prevention Audit and Actions Taken

Infection Prevention Audit was undertaken in August 2022 and resulted in the following actions:

Overall compliant at 95%

### Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. Risks can be to not only patients receiving care but also visitors and staff.

### In the past year the following assessments were carried out/reviewed:

Legionella - nil to report.

Cold Chain Audit - nil to report.

**Hand Hygiene Audit** - correct techniques observed – nil to report.

**Minor Surgery Audit** - aseptic technique followed; no post op complications recorded.

**Cleaning Audit by:** Dublcheck Cleaning Company - Minor cleaning issues dealt with.

### Training

All staff receive annual training delivered via online training through Bluestream Academy.

### Policies

The infection control and related policies and procedures which have been updated are:-

**PPE Policy**

**COSHH policy**

**Statement Review July 2024**