

Infection Control Statement 2026

The practice takes its duties to infection control seriously. The report is written to evidence our commitment and compliance with infection control legislation.

Infection Control Leads: Rebecca Shearer ANP and Lead Nurse (IPC lead)

Person who oversees compliance: Practice Manager

Staff representative for infection control: Rebecca Shearer – Lead Nurse and ANP

Registered Manager for CQC and responsible person: Dr Lorna Longworth

Annual Audit Results

In May 2026 an unannounced infection control audit was conducted by the Practice Manager. The audit showed good compliance with infection control policy. The annual audit revealed:

- All actions from the previous audit had been completed
- Rooms were in a good condition and had benefitted from a clear out as well as a reorganisation. In some rooms, shelving had been removed from walls and replastered or repainted. This improved clutter.
- Staff training in relation to IPC was routine and up to date. Systems were in place to monitor this.

25/26 Infection Control achievements

Through 24/25 Rebecca Shearer is in a forum with the lead infection control nurse at NuTH (the link for primary care infection control) and attends a regular forum. This is a good forum to share best practice.

The practice conducted a high level of audit consistently through the year. These included monthly infection control audits and hand hygiene audits.

Levels of antibiotic prescribing continue to be monitored. The practice performs highly in these areas which evidences good antimicrobial stewardship.

It is evident that there is a culture of pride within the staff team when it comes to infection control. Staff make suggestions to management and take an active role.

Spot checks of all equipment were introduced to the audit regime to check they look visibly clean.

Audits conducted by the cleaning contractor have been shared, they show a high level of compliance. Where minor improvements to the cleaning schedule were needed these have been actioned and implemented.

PPE audits have been added to the regimen.

26/27 IPC actions

Hand hygiene posters are available in all rooms. These will be placed nearer to sinks to support effective handwashing.

Replacement flooring in the kitchen and staff toilets will be explored.