

## **Rowcroft Medical Centre**

### **Annual IPC Statement**

**July 2024 – July 2025**

#### **Purpose of the Statement**

#### **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead**

The lead for infection prevention and control at Rowcroft Medical Centre is Lead Nurse Kate McEvoy.

The IPC Lead is supported by Dr James Holmes

#### **Infection transmission incidents (Significant Events)**

Significant events involve both examples of 'good' and 'poor' practice.

All significant events are discussed at one of our regular clinical practice meetings attended by GPs and Practice Nursing team and at our practice learning events. For each that may occur, a specific form is completed, reflected upon and discussed at one of these regular meetings, so that areas of learning and improvement can be identified.

In the past year there have been 'zero' learning events raised that have related to infection control. There have also been 'zero' complaints regarding cleanliness.

#### **Infection prevention audits and actions**

- Hand hygiene compliance audit.
- Aseptic technique competency assessment.

The Annual Infection Prevention Audit was completed 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 and resulted in the following actions:

- Review of bins in toilets used across the practice – *to remove excess sanitary bins in toilets, now that PHS have taken over the supply and management of sanitary waste.*
- Review of handwash signs in the patient's toilets – *extra handwash signs added to patient toilets.*

## Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that any risk is minimised to be as low as reasonably practicable. Additionally, a risk assessment which can identify best practice can be established and then followed.

In the last year the following risk assessments were carried out/reviewed:

- Meeting with cleaning company representative from Green Machine expectations and guidelines for the cleaners discussed with new sheets on back of all doors added to sign once each room has been cleaned & schedule agreed to.

In the next year (2025-2026) the following risk assessment will also be reviewed:

- General IPC updates

## Training

Rowcroft Medical Centre staff on appointment receive IPC induction training and all the staff receive refresher training annually, the level of which, is dependent on the staff members role and responsibilities.

- All Staff receive annual training on IPC
- All clinical and non-clinical staff have completed IPC e-learning modules
- The IPC lead attends primary care infection control forum and cascades information throughout the team.

## Policies and procedures

The IPC related policies and procedures which have been written, updated, or reviewed in the last year include, but are not limited, to:

- Infection Prevention Control Policy
- Needle Stick/ Sharps injuries policy

Additionally, all policies are amended on an ongoing basis as per current advice, guidance, and legislation changes.

## **Responsibility**

As a team at Rowcroft Medical Centre, Infection Prevention Control is regarded as highly important and we as a practice maintain high standards for infection prevention control. It is the responsibility of all staff members at Rowcroft Medical Centre to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

## **Review**

The IPC lead is responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before August 2026.

Kate McEvoy  
Lead Practice Nurse  
July 2025