

THE ATRIUM HEALTH CENTRE  
INFECTION CONTROL STATEMENT

**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. The report will be published on the practice website and will include the following summary:

- 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 any actions arising from these undertaken
- Details of any risk assessments undertaken for the prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

**Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) lead**

The leads for infection prevention and control at the Atrium Health Centre are; Karen Stevens (Lead Practice Nurse) and Wendy Hogg (Dispenser).

**a. 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 all staff to be appraised of areas of best practice. Negative events are managed by the staff member who either identified or were advised of any potential shortcoming. A Significant Event Analysis (SEA) form is then completed that commences an investigation process to establish what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements.

All significant events are reviewed and discussed at several meetings each month. Any learning points are cascaded to all relevant staff where an action plan, including audits or policy review, may follow.

In the past year there has been 1 significant event raised that related to infection control. There have been no complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

**b. Infection prevention audit and actions**

A Practice Health check was carried out with the Atrium Health Centre and Dorset CCG in June 2021 to determine if any further support or actions were needed.

A number of clinical audits were conducted around the supply of medications.

Practice IFC audits were carried out last year and ongoing actions to remedy points found are in progress.

**c. Risk assessments**

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

All Risk Assessments are available for staff to view on the shared network drive (S:\J81068\Shared\Protocols Policies and Forms\Risk Assessments). Any updates to these, or any new assessments are communicated to staff via email.

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**d. Training**

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at the Atrium Health Centre all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, clinical staff receive refresher training annually and non-clinical staff every 3 years.

All Atrium Health Centre staff are up to date with their refresher training.

**e. Policies and procedures**

The infection prevention and control related policies and procedures that have been written, updated or reviewed in the last year include, but are not limited, to:

- Infection Control Policy
- Sample Handling Protocol
- Privacy Curtains Protocol
- Needlestick Injuries Protocol
- Disposal of Sharps Protocol
- Notifiable Diseases Protocol
- Isolation of patients protocol
- Clinical Waste Management Protocol

Policies relating to infection prevention and control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated every 18months. Additionally, all policies are amended on an ongoing basis as per current advice, guidance and legislation changes.

**f. Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of all staff members at the Atrium Health Centre to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

**g. Review**

The IPC leads and Lisa Fall, Business Partner are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before 31 January 2024.

**Signed by**



Lisa Fall  
Business Partner  
For and on behalf of the Atrium Health Centre