

IPC annual statement report

Church Lane Medical Centre - 19/08/2025

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in August 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 organisation's 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 carried out and actions 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 Lead for infection prevention and control at Church Lane Medical Centre is Nicola White.

The IPC Lead is supported by Dr Uche Obu, GP Partner and Faith Woodcock, Practice Manager.

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 in areas of best practice.

Negative events are managed by the staff member who either identified or was advised of any potential shortcoming. This person will complete a Significant Event Analysis (SEA) form which 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 have been 0 significant events raised which related to infection control. There have also been 0 complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

b. Infection prevention audit and actions

We have had no external IPC inspections during the year. We held our annual IPC inspection in August 2025 and the standards of cleanliness were scored to be extremely high. The audit highlighted a need to some redecorating with minor wear and tear which will be addressed during the coming year.

Our infection control nurse has dedicated time each week to focus on the IPC requirements and in addition spot checks are also carried out fortnightly and results recorded. Our cleaning schedules are aligned to the National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness.

A staff hand hygiene audit (lightbox) was held in March 2025.

c. Training

At Church Lane Medical Centre all staff receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receive refresher training annually.

d. Policies and procedures

The infection prevention and control-related policies and procedures that have been written, updated or reviewed in the last year.

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

e. Responsibility

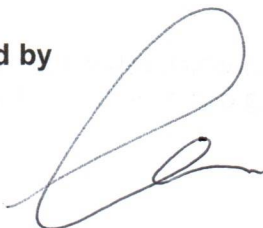
It is the responsibility of all staff members at Church Lane Medical Centre to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

f. Review

The IPC Lead and Practice Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before 20/08/2026.

Signed by



Dr U Obu

For and on behalf of Church Lane Medical Centre