

Woodchurch Surgery

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Infection Prevention and Control Annual Statement – October 2025

Mission Statement: We aim to operate a gold standard primary medical service that is safe and well lead according to The Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.

During the last year, we have continued to breakdown the requirements to comply with the National standards of healthcare cleanliness (2025), which need implementing in GP surgeries. We continue to audit our rooms according to their assigned Functional Risk (FR) categories. The current cleaning company have been updating schedules and engaged partly in free training. They do their own quarterly audit and are open to feedback if a particular issue needs addressing.

We have not had any building infrastructure work done in the last year, so non-compliant sinks and fixtures/fittings remain on our IPC 'Risk Register'.

All existing and new clinical staff sign a commitment for their responsibility to maintain cleaning standards and IPC in the clinical rooms. They have all received a copy of what cleaning they are expected to do and are asked to sign the room sheets confirming that they have cleaned the room and equipment before leaving.

As we move into the winter season, we have actively coordinated vaccination programmes for the RSV, shingles and pneumococcal, as well as flu and covid. Patients presenting with these, or other URTIs/infectious diseases are asked to wait in their cars before being called into consultation rooms and are to wear masks and hand sanitise as standard. Masks and hand sanitiser are available for patients and staff to use whenever necessary.

Significant IPC Data - Current year to date (24/10/25):

- There have been no IPC significant events in the surgery.
- There has been 14 lost days with staff cases of gastroenteritis and they were absent from work for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness, so no further infection was spread in the surgery. All staff are aware of the protocol to stay at home if unwell with any infection.
- IPC e-learning is up to date for 23 of 31 permanent staff members. Those not up to date, have been sent reminders to complete their online IPC updates as well as updates on antibiotic and antimicrobial stewardship for the prescribers.

We continue to uphold high levels of IPC at the surgery and audit regularly to ensure continuous recognition and improvement of any emerging issues. Our recent external audit complimented us on the cleanliness of the surgery and we achieved 96% in their report.

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