

# Woodchurch Surgery

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## Infection Prevention and Control Annual Statement – October 2024

**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 (Code of Practice, 2015).**

During the last year, we have continued to breakdown the requirements to comply with the National Cleaning Standards (2021) which need implementing in GP surgeries. We have audited our rooms according to their assigned Functional Risk (FR) categories. The current cleaning company have been updating schedules and engaged partly in free training. There is still work to be done, but they are replacing the mop heads more frequently and have replaced their 'sanitiser' with detergent suitable for appropriate cleaning.

Room 10/Treatment Room was refitted in April and is now compliant with clinical standards and FR2 requirements.

All clinical staff have signed a commitment for their responsibility to maintain cleaning standards and IPC in the clinical rooms. They 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 newly initiated RSV, 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 (25/10/24):

- There have been no IPC significant events in the surgery.
- There has been 1 case of gastroenteritis amongst the staff 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 24 of 28 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.

We continue to uphold high levels of IPC at the surgery and audit regularly to ensure continuous recognition and improvement of any emerging issues.

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