



Annual Statement for the Infection Prevention and Control (IP&C) Policy

We are pleased to announce that there haven't been any known infection transmissions at the practice in the last 12 months.

Roles

- The nominated IP&C lead is Niki Kitsiou.
- Joanna Bateman is the lead for the cleaning and decontamination of the environment, and in charge of the Decontamination Room.

Audits and Training

- The last IP&C training took place on the 9th February 2021, and the next training is yet to be organised, but likely to take place in September 2022.
- Recent IP Society audits were completed in January 2021 and July 2021. The next audit is due in January 2022.
- The last Cross Infection Pre-acceptance Test by Initial Medical took place in May 2020 and it is bi-annual.
- All the amalgam separators (SRAB 99B) and suction units are checked and serviced annually by Initial Medical and QA Engineers.
- The Melag Vaccum Autoclave (31B) is serviced annually by Henry Schein. The next servicing is due in January 2023.
 - Optimum usage of sterilisation department (up to 5 trays) Documentation & batch control available 'B' and 'S' type programs (can reprocess any load type, solid or hollows) Quick program S in 22mins (5kg unwrapped instruments) Quick program B in 29mins (1.5kg instruments wrapped, 5kg unwrapped) Universal program B in 42mins (5kg wrapped instruments)

Risk Assessments

- All members of staff have been offered a vaccination against the Influenza Virus.
- All members of staff are double vaccinating against COVID-19, and had the booster.
- All members of staff are up to date with their Hepatitis B vaccinations.
- COSHH is checked and updated annually.
- Legionella Risk Assessment happens annually through NHS Property Services, and Mitie check the hot and cold water temperatures monthly.
- A contract with Occupational Health continues to be in place with the Nottingham City Hospital.



Further Information (COVID-19)

- The COVID-19 pandemic is still of concern. All policies and procedures in the practice remain the same with continuous risk assessments taking place.
- A risk assessment takes place for each patient, and each patient is classed as either respiratory or non-respiratory. Unless the treatment is urgent, a respiratory patient's appointment will be postponed.
- Other policies still in place are:
 - Air purifiers still to be used in the reception and surgeries
 - Windows in the reception area and both surgeries are left open during the day to increase ventilation
 - A locked door policy; no-one can walk into the practice without being asked questions about their COVID-19 status. All contractors and staff have temperature checks and COVID-19 questions.
 - Two levels of PPE for procedures:
 - Non-AGP: FRSM (fluid resistant surgical mask), plastic apron, visor, gloves
 - AGP: FFP3 respirator (fit tested) with FRSM on top, plastic apron, visor, gloves, fluid resistant gown, head cover, shoe cover
 - All non-essential items have been moved from reception, such as magazines. Only demo leaflets are present for distribution.
- Two members of staff had to refrain coming to work due to a household member testing positive for COVID-19.
- One member of staff had to self-isolate due to testing positive for COVID-19.