

Annual statement on compliance with IPC practice (including cleanliness) for General Practice Template

Purpose of the 'Annual statement'

The *Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infection and related guidance* requires the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead to produce an annual statement. This statement should be made available for anyone who wishes to see it, including patients and regulatory authorities and should also be published on the General Practice website.

Below is a suggested template for the Annual statement. General Practices can (and should) adapt the template and add further details, but the six key headings below must be included. The Annual statement and related forward programme/quality improvement plan, should be reviewed and signed off by the relevant General Practice governance group.

Introduction

This Annual statement has been drawn up in 2026 in accordance with the requirement of the *Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance* for GP Practice. It summarises:

1. Infection transmission incidents and actions taken
2. IPC audits undertaken and subsequent actions implemented
3. Risk assessments undertaken and any actions taken for prevention and control of infection
4. Staff training
5. Review and update of IPC policies, procedures and guidelines
6. Antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship

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1. Infection transmission incidents

Provide details of infection transmission incidents (which may involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events), how they were investigated, any lessons learnt and changes made as a result to facilitate future improvements.

Any infection transmission incidents are reported with our SEA these are reviewed in our clinical meetings.

2. IPC Audits and actions

Provide an overview of IPC audit programme as well as examples of good practice and actions taken to address suboptimal compliance.

Audits completed as NHS national standards of healthcare cleanliness in general practice Fridge Template/Legionella Testing and Room Temperature for medications.

3. Risk Assessments

Provide details of IPC related risk assessments carried out and actions taken to prevent and control infection.

Staff exposure risk assessments for HEP B and MMR are in place. Relevant infection control policy and risk assessment are in place and up to date.

4. Staff training

Provide details of IPC induction training, annual updates and any other IPC related training.

All staff have undergone infection prevention & control training. Audits are completed observing staff in practice/learning opportunity or improvement to IPC lead

5. IPC Policies, procedures and guidance

Provide details of all policy reviews and updates, together with details of how changes have been implemented.

Knowle Green Medical have reviewed and updated policies regularly, using the national infection prevention and control manual for England guidelines. Clinical staff refer directly to UKHSA health prevention team with notifiable infection concern.

6. Antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship

Provide details of all activities undertaken to promote and improve antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship.

A clinical member of staff as the antimicrobial lead, who liaises with the whole team.

Forward plan/Quality improvement plan

Issue	Actions	Date for completion	Person responsible	Progress
Knowle Green Medical Building	External and internal decoration and repairs	2026	Melissa Roe	Ongoing
Hand Gel and Bare below elbow cleaning procedures	QR codes in clinical rooms for clinical staff to confirm they have completed actions, also email sent to staff members for information and guides.	2026	IPC Lead	Completed

Forward plan/Quality improvement plan review date:

ongoing

IPC statement and Forward plan/Quality improvement plan for presentation to

Infection Lead to arrange presentation to team

On

2027