

The Mill Medical Practice
Annual Infection Prevention and Control statement
October 2025

The Mill's Medical Practice infection prevention lead is Melisa Yeardley (Lead Practice Nurse) she is supported by Dr Georgina Dalton (Partner GP) Sue Bonner and Louise Bowers (Practice Managers) and Stephanie Berry, Emily Andrews and Caroline Fitzgerald (IT and Facilities Coordinators)

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year 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 practice website and will include the following summary:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken, 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 transmission incidents

In the past year, there have been no significant events raised, that related to infection control. There have also been no complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

Chronic infected wounds have been isolated and no transmission to other patients has occurred. This was achieved by following microbiology guidance, appropriate use of oral antibiotics and antimicrobial dressings. In addition, strict techniques are adhered to

In House Audits

A recent audit was carried out by Melisa Yeardley earlier this year. This was to audit all clinical rooms to ensure that they were maintained to a high standard of infection control and waste disposal. This was also to confirm compliance with the Infection control and waste management policies. All clinical rooms are maintained to a high level of compliance and suggestions for improvement have been shared with staff.

Audits are carried out twice a year. Any findings from this are discussed as a practice and changes made if required.

Minor surgery

Dr Pippa Ellis is responsible for minor surgery here at The Practice. She audits all procedures for possible post-operative complications/ infections. .

This room is cleaned as per protocol for minor operations rooms, prior to operations, and in-between patients and this is documented on teamnet.

Risk Assessments and Policies

Risk assessments and policies are regularly updated to minimise the risk of infection and transmission to ensure the safety of patients, visitors and staff. Action and implementation have been carried out where necessary. The following risk assessments are carried out COSHH, staff vaccinations, water safety, sharps, waste disposal, hand washing technique and cleaning standards.

Cleaning Specifications and Frequency.

The Mill has new contracted cleaners. We have worked with the new company to ensure they are maintaining the high quality of cleanliness that we expect. The cleaners are working at an exceptional level of cleanliness and we are very happy with their work. Rooms are cleaned according to their usage/ purpose and cleaned appropriately as per policy. They are audited by the company manager to guarantee standards are maintained. This is also inspected by the practice infection prevention team to ensure high standards are maintained. All equipment used by medical staff is either single use or cleaned after patient usage. Cleaning logs are recoded for

many items of equipment that has patient contact and risk of transmission of potential infection.

We are about to implement The National Standards of Healthcare cleanliness 2025. This is a universal cleaning standard that all NHS settings are required to follow to ensure consistent high standards to support infection prevention, ensure patient safety, public confidence and effectiveness of care. We will work together with our cleaning company to ensure that rooms and areas are cleaned to the level required depending on the functional risk of those areas.

Staff Training

All staff are trained yearly on prevention and control of infection in general practice. New staff are trained as part of their induction and then annually

The infection control team meet for meetings to ensure we are providing the best practice in terms of infection control and prevention to patients, visitors and staff.

Policies and protocols

Protocols and policies are continually updated as advice changes and are subsequently distributed to all members of staff via emails or accessible on The Practice computer system – Team net

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