



# THE BARCROFT PRACTICE

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## ANNUAL INFECTION CONTROL STATEMENT 2024/2025

### PURPOSE

Barcroft Medical Practice is dedicated to infection prevention and control (IPC) within the practice premises and clinical procedures. This Annual Infection Control Statement is generated in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance. It outlines:

1. Infection transmission incidents and actions taken (as reported through our Significant Event procedure).
  2. Details of infection control audits and resulting actions.
  3. Risk assessments conducted to support infection prevention and control.
  4. Staff training activities.
  5. Updates to infection control policies, procedures, and guidelines.
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### Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Leads

- **Clinical Lead:** Tania Caulfield, Nurse Manager
- **Non-Clinical Lead:** Trevor Scott, Operations Manager

Tania Caulfield has completed regular IPC training and updates. Both Tania Caulfield and Trevor Scott oversee room cleanliness risk assessments.

### Duties and Responsibilities of the Infection Control Lead:

1. Conducting audits.
2. Coordinating staff training.
3. Overseeing inspections.
4. Reviewing significant learning events.
5. Learning from Patient Safety Events (LFPSE).
6. Updating policies.
7. Liaising with cleaners (in collaboration with Trevor Scott).
8. Producing the Annual Infection Control Statement.

### Infection Transmission Incidents (Significant Events)

Significant events, including examples of good practice and challenges, are thoroughly investigated to identify lessons and drive improvements. Reviews occur every six months, with findings shared among relevant staff. The next review is scheduled for January 2025.



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## Significant Events Summary:

- Number of incidents related to infection control: **0** in the past year.

## Audits and Actions Related to Infection Control

The following IPC audits were conducted in the last year, with recommendations and actions implemented as necessary:

1. **Cold Chain Audit:** Ensures proper vaccine storage and handling.
2. **Annual Infection Prevention and Control Audit:** Evaluates overall IPC practices and identifies areas for improvement.
3. **Hand Hygiene Audit:** Regular checks of handwashing practices for clinical and non-clinical staff (ongoing).

## Risk Assessments

Risk assessments help establish and maintain best practices in infection prevention. The following were conducted during 2024/2025:

1. **Legionella Water Risk Assessment:**
  - Latest water quality testing: December 18, 2024 (no legionella detected).
  - Ongoing water temperature monitoring to prevent risk to patients, visitors, and staff.
2. **Cleanliness Standards:**
  - Collaboration with cleaning staff to ensure high cleanliness standards.
3. **Carpet Replacement:**
  - Clinical treatment rooms updated with non-carpeted flooring.
4. **Waste Management Audit:**
  - Reviewed and optimized waste disposal practices.

**Immunization:** Barcroft Medical Practice ensures all clinical staff are up to date with Hepatitis B immunizations and offers occupational health vaccinations (e.g., seasonal flu). COVID-19 vaccinations are strongly encouraged per Public Health England guidelines.

## Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines

The practice maintains and regularly updates its IPC policies, procedures, and guidelines. These documents are reviewed annually and adjusted as needed to reflect changes in regulations.

### Policies Updated for 2024:

1. Antimicrobial Prescribing Policy
2. Aseptic Techniques Guidance



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3. Cleaning and Decontamination Policy
4. Hand Hygiene Policy
5. Legionella Policy and Protocol
6. National Infection Prevention and Control Manual for England
7. National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness
8. Needle Stick Policy
9. Notifiable Disease Policy
10. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy
11. Safe Handling and Disposal of Sharps
12. Specimen Handling Guidelines
13. Standard Precautions Policy
14. Vaccine Storage and Handling Policy
15. Waste Management Policy

## Training

All staff receive annual IPC training. Both clinical and non-clinical staff complete mandatory online training through eLearning for Healthcare and Bluestream platforms.

## Responsibility

Each individual staff member is responsible for understanding this Annual Infection Control Statement and their respective roles in maintaining effective IPC practices.

## Review Details

- **Review Date:** January 2026
- **Responsible for Review:** Infection Prevention and Control Lead