



Infection control statement

We aim to keep our practice clean and tidy and offer a clean environment for both patients and staff.

We are proud of our Surgery and endeavour to ensure it is kept clean and well maintained at all times.

If you have any concerns about cleanliness or infection risk then please report it to any member of our team, who will record your concern, take it seriously and act upon it.

Our GPs and nursing staff follow our Infection Control Policy to ensure the care we deliver and the equipment we use is safe.

We take additional measures to ensure we maintain the highest standards:

- We encourage staff and patients to raise any concerns or issues and report any incidents relating to cleanliness and infection control. We can discuss these and make any improvements necessary to avoid any future problems.
- We carry out an annual infection control audit to make sure our infection control procedures are working
- We provide annual updates and training on cleanliness and infection control for all our staff – both clinical and non-clinical.
- We review our policies and procedures to make sure they are adequate and meet national guidance
- We maintain the premises and equipment to a standard that we consider to be above adequate and ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to reduce or remove all infection risk
- We use washable or disposable materials for items such as couch rolls, curtains, floor coverings, hand towels etc. and ensure these are cleaned or changed frequently to minimise the risk of infection.
- We make alcohol Hand Rub Gel available throughout the building

Significant Events

In the past year there have been no significant events relating to infection control

Audit

We undertake an annual infection control audit covering training compliance, hand washing audit, clinical environment, Personal Protective Equipment, needlestick injury compliance, handling of specimens, use of medical equipment and handling of clinical waste. There were no areas of concern in this year's audit.

Infection Control Policy

The Infection Control Policy is reviewed annually and updated when there is any requirement to do so. This is on an ongoing basis and when current advice changes.