



# Langham Place Surgery

## Annual Infection, Prevention & Control Statement, 2022

### IPC Team

Joanne England Practice Manager

Stacey Short ANP, Cold Chain Lead, IPC Lead

Geri Stubbs, Admin Support, IPC

### **Policies, procedures and guidance**

Current IPC policy and annual statement are available on the practice website and on the Practice FPM site for staff.

Policies were reviewed in August 2022..

### **Infection transmission incidents**

No cases of actual transmission of infection have been reported.

### **Significant events**

The last significant event was raised in November 2019 when a refrigerator containing vaccines was logged as being between 1°- 2° above the recommended temperature for vaccine storage. After informing and discussing with the various Vaccine manufacturers and notifying the Practice Manager and Registered Manager, it was decided that in order to ensure safe viable vaccines were administered, all would be disposed of and replaced.

After this significant event, it was also decided to purchase a new refrigerator to further reduce the risk of any further occurrences.

In 2022 the Partners also approved the investment of a 3<sup>rd</sup> fridge to ensure capacity and safety of vaccines was not compromised going forward.

This event did show us that we have an effective cold chain system in place to ensure our patients received safe treatment.

### **Audits**

The annual IPC audit was carried out by Kate Ferrison in 2021 and will be reviewed by Stacey Short in 2022. There are no significant changes other than within the IPC team and a subsequent action log has been created for the coming year.

### **Risk assessments**

A risk assessment was carried out in 2022 and will be discussed in a meeting with the Practice Manager along with regular reviews. One of the major actions, which is already in the process of being completed, is to change the flooring in the remaining clinical rooms to one, which better support IPC cleaning standards.

The risk assessment has been updated to include extensive information on appropriate IPC measures relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

### **Staff training**

All staff are required to complete an annual online IPC module on Agilio - TEAMNET