

Annual Infection Control Statement

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Organisation Name:	GP Healthcare Alliance (GPHA)
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Registered Manager	Clare Line (Advanced Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Manager, Governance Director & Infection Control Lead)
Infection Control Lead:	As above
Date of Infection Control Statement:	6 th February 2024
Date of Next Review:	February 2025

Purpose

It is a requirement of the Health & Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice, on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance, that an annual statement is produced to demonstrate compliance with good practice in infection control. This annual statement outlines the action taken by GPHA over the past year (2022/23). It will be displayed on the Organisation's website to make it accessible to all.

Outbreaks of Infection

This year nationally we have dealt with outbreaks of Streptococcus A/Scarlet Fever and more recently measles. GP Healthcare Alliance have provided clinics to support general practice to deal with the additional patients that needed to be assessed and treated. We are currently ensuring as a business that all MMR vaccination status are compiled to ensure protection for both patients and our workforce. Covid-19 has remained in the background with no recognisable outbreaks. We have continued to provide Covid-19 vaccination clinics in line with the national vaccine programme for the Canvey PCN.

Incidents

There have been no significant events reported regarding infection control issues in the period covered by this report.

Audits/Risk assessments

- In 2023 our weekend service locations had an infection control audit carried out by Clare Line:
 - Hadleigh clinic rooms
 - Canvey Primary care centre
 - Highlands Surgery

- Oaklands Surgery
 - An antibiotic audit is in the process of being completed by Dr S Chana (Enhanced Access Lead and Medical Director GPHA).
 - Legionella (Water): GPHA conducts its water temperature testing monthly to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors or staff.
 - Annual waste management audits have been carried out ensuring the appropriate waste streams are being used. The audit returned positive results in all areas.


Training

- All staff complete annual mandatory infection control training
- In December 2023 Clare Line attended a *Infection Control* update for leads training course

Review of Policies, Procedures and Guidance

All Infection Prevention and Control policies are routinely reviewed and updated on an annual basis, or more frequently if required.

An IPC CQC inspection pack has been purchased to support the audit process for the business.

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