



Infection Control Annual Statement

January 2017-December 2017

This statement will be generated at the end of December each year and will summarise:

1. Any infection transmission incidents and action taken- these will be detailed in accordance with our **Significant Events** reporting procedure.
2. Details of any infection control audits undertaken and any actions taken.
3. Details of any control risk assessments undertaken
4. Details of staff training
5. Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Background: This annual statement is prepared by Penny Lovejoy-Platt, the practice manager for Bourne End Dental

1. There were no known infection transmission events or incidents from January 2017- December 2017. In the past year there have been no significant events raised that relate directly to any infection control issues or incidents.
2. Six monthly infection control audits are carried out: **February 2017 100% and August 2017 100%**. These audits were conducted using the standard audit pro forma forms produced by IComply, our dental compliance programme. As a result of these audits we can confirm that we are already attaining **best practice standards** and that no current actions are required.
3. Details of any changes to / control risks assessments undertaken or introduced in this period-
 - . The “dip-slide” checking system continues every 3 months, which offer a more accurate assessment of our water quality. The dip slides have a special dehydrated media to isolate chlorine stressed bacteria as could be found in dental unit water lines
 - . The infection control team carried out an infection control inspection of the whole premises in October 2017 and no further actions were deemed to be necessary
 - . The practice had a general risk assessment (which includes matters relating to infection prevention and control) was completed in October 2017 and will be reviewed again in October 2018. There were no amendments necessary as a result of the risk assessment which was carried out by an external auditor.
 - . Hand hygiene training for the entire team was carried out in February 2017 and for any new starters at induction. Hand hygiene training will be repeated in February 2018

All members of the team (including our admin team) will attend update training for Infection Control for General Practice via courses when available. Details and certification will be logged and kept in individual staff files. We also have access to ongoing registration with Omnia via DBG and Isopharm which covers core verifiable continuous professional development training in: child protection, safeguarding, vulnerable adults, the mental capacity act, health and safety, Infection control, fires safety, radiography, medical emergencies and use of A.E.D and other duty of care topics.

In June 2018 the entire team have infection control and cross infection prevention training scheduled with an external trainer

4. The practice infection control policy and procedures will be reviewed and updated annually (last update January 2017), but are amended accordingly/ updated on an on-going basis as current guidelines and advice changes.

Signed:

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