**Infection Control Annual Statement Report**

Unsworth Group

20/11/24

**Purpose**

This annual statement will be generated each year in May in accordance with the requirements of the [Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-health-and-social-care-act-2008-code-of-practice-on-the-prevention-and-control-of-infections-and-related-guidance) on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance. The report will be published on the practice website and will include the following summary:

* Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our significant event procedure)
* Details of any infection control audits undertaken and actions undertaken
* Details of any risk assessments undertaken for the prevention and control of infection
* Details of staff training
* Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

**Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) lead**

The lead for infection prevention and control at Unsworth Group is Jane Davy - Assistant Practitioner.

The IPC lead is supported by Stephanie Moore - Business & Governance Manager.

**a. Infection transmission incidents (significant events)**

Significant events involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events.

Positive events are discussed at meetings to allow all staff to be appraised of areas of best practice.

Negative events are managed by the staff member who either identified or was advised of any potential shortcoming. This person will complete a Significant Event Analysis (SEA) form that commences an investigation process to establish what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements.

All significant events are reviewed and discussed at several meetings each month. Any learning points are cascaded to all relevant staff where an action plan, including audits or policy review, may follow.

**b. Infection prevention audit and actions**

A yearly inspection is carried out on both Peter house Surgery and Blackrod. With an action plan highlighting areas of concern and dated outcomes.

**c. Risk assessments**

Risk assessments are carried out so that any risk is minimised to be as low as reasonably practicable. Additionally, a risk assessment that can identify best practice can be established and then followed.

In the last year, the following risk assessments were carried out/reviewed:

* General IPC risks
* Staffing, new joiners and ongoing training
* COSHH
* Cleaning standards
* Privacy curtain cleaning or changes
* Staff vaccinations
* Infrastructure changes
* Sharps
* Water safety
* Toys
* Assistance dogs

The following risk assessment will also be reviewed annually

**d. Training**

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Unsworth Group all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all staff receive refresher training annually.

Yearly Blue stream training in Infection control and hand hygiene

Cascaded information from the IPC lead

**e. Policies and procedures**

The infection prevention and control related policies and procedures that have been written, updated or reviewed in the last year include, but are not limited, to:

The Infection Prevention Control Policy – updated 19/11/24

Policies relating to infection prevention and control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually. Additionally, all policies are amended on an ongoing basis as per current advice, guidance and legislation changes.

**f. Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of all staff members at The Unsworth Group to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

**g. Review**

The IPC lead and Stephanie Moore B&G Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before 19/11/25