

Infection Control – Annual statement

1 April 2024

This statement reviews the known infection transmission events at Identity Individual Dental Care. It summarises the audits undertaken and the subsequent actions, the assessment of risks for the prevention and control of infection, the training received by staff, and the review and update of infection control policies, procedures and guidance.

In compliance with good practice on infection prevention and control, a copy of this statement is available to patients on request.

Known infection transmission events

There have been no known infection transmission events at the dental practice.

Audits

Infection control audits are conducted every 6 months using the Department of Health/Infection Prevention Society Infection Control Audit tool. The results of these audits are available from the practice manager.

Risk Assessments

The practice Risk assessment and COSHH assessment identify the possible risks of infection and the controls in place to manage risks. The practice infection control policy and associated protocols and procedures further describe how we manage the risk of infection.

Each member of staff is aware of the practice risk assessment and COSHH assessment and has received a copy of the practice infection control policy and understand the need for it to be followed routinely.

The practice Risk Assessment, COSHH assessment and infection control policies and procedures are reviewed and updated on a regular basis. The more recent risk assessments and policy and protocol reviews are undertaken as follows:

- Practice Risk Assessment - Annually
- Practice COSHH Assessment - Continuous
- Infection control policy – 6 monthly

Staff Training

All members of the team are encouraged to follow their continuing professional development requirements for disinfection and decontamination. The practice provides update and refresher training on infection control procedures adopted by the practice to ensure that all members of the team are aware of and work to current recommendations. Training in the infection control procedures for the practice is included in the practice induction for new staff.

IPC lead for the practice is Mrs Carolyn Higgins (Head Nurse)

IPC deputy is Mrs Caroline Kelly (Practice Manager)

Review and update of policies, procedures and guidance

The practice policies and procedures are reviewed on a regular basis and at least annually to ensure their currency. The practice infection control policies and procedures were reviewed and updated where necessary to reflect Department of Health England guidance.

Signed – C. Kelly 2024