Infection Control Annual Statement

February 2026

Farnham Park Health Group

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in February in accordance with the requirements of The Health and Social Care Act 2008 *Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance*. It summarises:

- 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 prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures, and guidelines

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead

Farnham Park Health Group's Lead for Infection Prevention and Control is Sister Helen Last

The IPC Lead is supported by Dr Ishmail as the Lead GP Partner, the Practice Manager and HR Lead.

Sister Helen Last has attended IPC Leads Forums held by the Infection Prevention Lead for Frimley ICB. She keeps updated on infection prevention practice.

Infection transmission incidents (Significant Events)

Significant events (which may involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events) are investigated in detail to see what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements.

In the past year there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

Infection control is a standing agenda item at the practice weekly clinical meeting

All significant events are reviewed quarterly in partners and or clinical meetings and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

The Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit was completed by Sister Last in January 2026

As a result of the audit, the following things have been changed in Farnham Park Health Group.

- Detailed equipment cleaning schedules in every consulting room have been updated
- Cleaning logs held by the external cleaning company have been reviewed and updated.
- Storage of mops and buckets reviewed with cleaning company to adhere to cleaning guidelines.
- Declutter of clinical rooms
- The practice has participated in local and national activities to support antimicrobial stewardship.
- Training has been given to clinical staff to ensure the temporary closure mechanism is used when sharps bins are not in use.

Minor surgery has been carried out in the practice with no reported infections.

Joint injections have been carried out with no reported infections.

An audit on hand washing has been carried out.

Cold chain audits have been carried out.

All staff were compliant in hand washing and hand hygiene.

Farnham Park Health Group plan to undertake the following audits in 2026-27

- Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit
- Joint Injection outcomes audit
- Minor surgery outcomes audit
- Cryotherapy audit
- Environmental audit
- Hand hygiene audit

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. In the last year, the following risk assessments were carried out / reviewed:

Legionella: (Water) Risk Assessment: The practice is based in Farnham Centre for Health and landlords conduct /review water safety risk assessments to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors, or staff.

Immunisation: As a practice we ensure that all our staff are up to date with Hepatitis B immunisations and immunisations relevant to their roles i.e., MMR. All staff are encouraged to have the seasonal flu vaccination.

We take part in the National Immunisations campaigns for patients and offer vaccinations in house and via home visits to our housebound patient population.

Curtains: The NHS Cleaning Specifications state that disposable curtains should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris, stains, or spillages. To this effect we use disposable curtains and ensure they are regularly reviewed and if visibly soiled are changed at this time.

Window Blinds: these are very low risk. They require regular vacuuming to prevent build-up of dust.

Toys: all toys have been removed from the waiting room

Hand washing sinks: The practice has clinical hand washing sinks in every room for staff to use. Some of our sinks do not meet the latest standards for sinks but we have removed plugs, covered overflows and reminded staff to turn of taps that are not 'hands free' with paper towels to keep patients safe.

Clinical rooms have liquid soap with wall mounted dispensers to ensure cleanliness.

We also have a cleaning specification and frequency policy which our cleaners and staff work to.

Staff are responsible for cleaning equipment in their rooms and logging that this has been done on the sheet on each door.

All posters displayed in clinical consulting rooms and the waiting areas are laminated.

Training

All our staff are required to undertake training in infection prevention and control as part of their induction. Clinical staff are required to update this on a yearly basis, as either face to face or online training.

Sister Helen Last, our infection prevention control lead, attends regular IPC forums. Information and updates from these forums are shared with staff via in our clinical meetings.

Infection prevention and control has also been included on the nurse's agenda at Target days.

Policies

All Infection Prevention and Control related policies are in date for this year.

Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually**.** All are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance, and legislation changes. Infection Control policies are available to staff and are stored on the practice O Drive and Practice Index Hub.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each individual to be familiar with this Statement and their roles and responsibilities under this.

Next Review Date

February 2027

Responsibility for Review

The Infection Prevention and Control Lead, the Practice Manager and the GP Infection Control lead are responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement.

Sister Helen Last Senior Nurse

Dr Ishmail Boakye-Acheampong GP Partner

Anne Green Practice Manager

For and on behalf of Farnham Park Health Group.