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# **Annual Statement for Infection Prevention and Control at 2TH Dental**

It is a requirement of The Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance that the Infection Prevention and Control Lead produces an annual statement with regard to compliance with good practice on infection prevention and control and makes it available for anyone who wishes to see it, including patients and regulatory authorities.

As best practice, our Annual Statement will be published on the Practice website.

The Annual Statement should provide a short review of any

- known infection transmission event and actions arising from this
- audits undertaken and subsequent actions
- risk assessments undertaken for prevention and control of infection;
- training received by staff
- review and update of policies, procedures and guidance

## **Infection Control Annual Statement**

### **Purpose**

This annual statement will be generated each year in April 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



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## **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead**

2TH Dental has a Lead for Infection Prevention and Control: Edward Moncrief (Dentist).

The IPC Lead is supported by: Marta Radia (Dental Nurse)

Edward and Marta keep their training updated on infection prevention practice throughout the year.

### **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. All significant events will be reviewed with all staff.

### **Audits**

The Annual Infection Prevention and Control audit was completed by Marta Radia in April 2021.

As a result of the audit, the following things have been changed:

- The floor will be replaced in the sterilising room

The Practice plan to undertake the following audits in 2021:

- Hand hygiene audit
- Healthcare waste

### **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 has conducted its water safety risk assessment to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors or staff.

### **Training**

All our staff receive annual training in infection prevention and control. Infection Control Leads have an annual update. Information is then disseminated to the clinical and non-clinical team within staff meetings. The team either attends an annual Infection Control Update or completes an annual e-learning update.

### **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, and all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes. Infection Control policies are circulated amongst staff for reading and discussed at meetings on an annual basis.



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### **Responsibility**

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

#### Responsibility for Review

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

Sharon Baseley (Practice Manager)

Marta Radia (Dental Nurse)

Review date: 21/04/2022

For and on behalf of 2TH Dental