

# **GREENBANK MEDICAL PRACTICE**

## **Annual Infection Prevention and Control Statement**

**Reporting Period:** 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027

**Date of Review:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

### **1. Introduction**

This annual statement has been prepared 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 outlines the arrangements in place at Leesbrook Surgery to prevent and control infection and demonstrates ongoing compliance with national standards.

The statement will be reviewed annually and made available to patients and staff upon request.

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### **2. Responsibility**

Overall responsibility for infection prevention and control lies with Anna Hopkinson Practice Nurse. Day-to-day IPC responsibilities are delegated to Michelle Collins – Practice Manager.

All staff, including clinical, administrative, and temporary staff, are responsible for adhering to IPC policies and procedures.

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### **3. Infection Prevention and Control Policies**

The practice has a comprehensive suite of up-to-date IPC policies, including but not limited to:

- Infection Prevention and Control Policy
- Hand Hygiene Policy
- Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Management of Clinical Waste and Sharps

All policies are reviewed at least annually or sooner if guidance changes.

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## **4. Risk Assessments and Audits**

Regular IPC risk assessments and audits are undertaken, including:

- Hand hygiene audits
- Cleaning audits
- Waste management audits

Findings are documented, shared with staff, and used to inform action plans and service improvements.

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## **5. Training and Education**

All staff receive IPC training appropriate to their role:

- At induction
- Through annual mandatory updates

Training compliance is monitored and recorded. Additional training is provided when required due to changes in guidance or identified risks.

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## **6. Cleaning and Environment**

The practice maintains a clean and safe environment for patients, staff, and visitors:

- A cleaning schedule is in place and monitored
  - Cleaning responsibilities are clearly defined
  - Approved cleaning products are used
  - Equipment is cleaned and decontaminated according to guidance
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## **7. Equipment and Decontamination**

Reusable medical equipment is cleaned and decontaminated in line with manufacturer instructions and national guidance. Single-use items are clearly identified and disposed of appropriately.

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## **8. Monitoring of Infections**

The practice has systems in place for:

- Monitoring and reporting infections

- Managing outbreaks and incidents
- Liaising with local health protection teams where required

Any significant IPC incidents are recorded, investigated, and reviewed to prevent recurrence.

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## 9. Patient Information

Patients are supported in preventing infection through:

- Hand hygiene facilities and signage
  - Information on respiratory hygiene
  - Advice on infection prevention where clinically appropriate
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## 10. Review and Future Actions

This statement reflects the practice's commitment to continuous improvement in infection prevention and control. Areas for development identified during the year are addressed through action plans and monitored regularly.

**Signed:** *M. Collins*

**Name:** Michelle Collins

**Role:** Practice Manager

**Date:** 22.4.2026