

Annual Infection Control Statement 2023

This statement will be generated each year in January to summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken and any subsequent actions taken as a result
- Details of any infection control risk assessment undertaken and any subsequent actions taken as a result
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

This statement is prepared by Michelle Reid, Infection Control Lead at Heath Dental and covers the period of 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Infection Transmission Incidents

One incident June – sharps injury during decontamination, no action required – see accident log

Audits

The IPS HTM 01-05 Audit was completed in March and September, and the following actions taken:

Surgery 4 chair reupholstered, some worktops resealed, cupboard fronts in decontamination room replaced

A washer disinfectant is still not currently viable to take us to full Best Practice

DUWL tests were carried out Jan, March, July, October

Risk Assessments

The full practice risk assessment was reviewed by Carol Turner in Feb 2023 with no changes noted.

The next risk assessment review will be in February 2024

Staff Training

Michelle completed ILM Dental Decontamination Leadership Programme with Aura Infection Control in February

Team training carried out in Practice meeting on PPE and Hand hygiene on 27th April.

The team are encouraged as always to continue with their regular CPD on all recommended topics throughout the year also. Logs available from practice manager.

The Infection Control Policy was last reviewed in Jan 2024 and will be reviewed again in January 2025 along with all other practice policies.