

Annual Infection Control Statement 2024

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 2024 to 31st December 2024

Infection Transmission Incidents

Sharps injury occurred to two team members in April 2024 – Care sought via Occupational Health

Sharps injury occurred to a team member in May 2024 - Care sought via Occupational Health

No negative outcomes

Audits

The IPS HTM 01-05 Audit was completed in April & October, and the following actions taken:

Headrest recovered in surgery 2

Surgery 2 cupboard fronts replaced

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

DUWL tests were carried out Jan, April, August, October

Risk Assessments

The full practice risk assessment was reviewed by Carol Turner in February with no changes noted. Next review Feb 2025

Legionella risk assessment carried out 11th Sept 2024 and will be done again in 2027

Staff Training

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.

Hand hygiene refresher carried out 17th April 2024

Sharps safety training carried out 8th May 2024