



Bewicke Medical Centre

Annual Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) Statement 2026/2027

Reporting Period: 22 June 2026 to 22 June 2027

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Purpose of the 'Annual statement'

This statement has been produced in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice on the Prevention and Control of Infections and Related Guidance and summarises the infection prevention and control arrangements in place at Bewicke Medical Centre.

Infection Transmission Incidents

During the reporting period:

- No infection transmission incidents occurred.
- No infection-related outbreaks occurred.
- No significant events relating to infection prevention and control were reported.
- No complaints relating to cleanliness or infection control were received.

Infection Prevention & Control Audits

The practice undertakes a programme of IPC audits throughout the year.

Audit Results

Overall IPC Audit Score: 83%

Audits completed include:

- Infection Prevention & Control Audit
- Environmental Cleanliness Audit
- Hand Hygiene Audits
- Sharps Management Reviews
- Waste Management Reviews
- Treatment Room Inspections

Actions Identified

- Replacement of damaged patient seating.
- Replacement of damaged couch covering.
- Repair works identified for Room 10 flooring.
- Replacement of staff toilet waste bin.
- Updated Resuscitation posters correct version.
- Improved audit monitoring and recording processes.

Risk Assessments

The following IPC-related risk assessments have been undertaken and reviewed:

- General IPC and Premises and Infrastructure Risks
- Cold Chain Management including Vaccine Storage
- Cleaning Standards including COSHH and Privacy Curtains
- Water, Sharps Safety
- Staffing and Training Requirements including Staff Vaccination Programme

Staff Training

All staff receive Mandatory IPC training appropriate to their role.

During the reporting period:

- IPC training formed part of all new starter inductions.
- Annual refresher training was completed.
- Additional spill management training was provided for designated staff.
- Hand hygiene and PPE compliance continued to be monitored through audits.

Policy Review

The following policies have been reviewed or updated:

- Infection Prevention & Control Handbook
- Waste Management Policy
- Staff Immunisation Policy
- Cold Chain Policy
- Sharps Injury Policy
- Cleaning and Environmental Standards Procedures

Antimicrobial Stewardship

The practice supports responsible antimicrobial prescribing through:

- Compliance with local and national prescribing guidance.
- Promotion of appropriate antibiotic use.
- Supporting antimicrobial resistance awareness.
- Ongoing prescribing review where appropriate.

Quality Improvement Priorities 2026/2027

- Complete environmental repairs identified during audits.
- Continue annual hand hygiene audits.
- Maintain IPC audit programme.
- Achieve and maintain high levels of IPC training compliance.
- Further strengthen IPC governance and documentation.

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Bewicke Medical Centre remains committed to providing a clean, safe and effective environment for patients, visitors and staff.