

## **Annual Infection Control Statement 2018**

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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

### **Infection Transmission Incidents**

One incident in April 2018 however no action deemed necessary by user.

### **Audits**

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

- Reviewed using disposable suction tips throughout the practice as alternative to autoclavable ones. Not actioning presently.
- Autoclavable suction tips replaced
- Some surface seals to be replaced in various points of the practice

Continue carried out the regular microbiological monitoring in February and September 2018

DUWL tests were carried out February, April, July & October 2018

A washer disinfectant is still not currently viable.

### **Risk Assessments**

The full practice risk assessment was reviewed by Carol Turner in September. N  
The next risk assessment review will be in September 2019.

### **Staff Training**

Training was carried out on 16<sup>th</sup> August by Nuview on CQC and cross infection control/hand hygiene.

The team are encouraged as always to continue with their regular CPD on all recommended topics throughout the year also

The Infection Control Policy was last reviewed in January 2019 and will be reviewed again in January 2020 along with all other practice policies.