

Annual Infection Control Statement 2019

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 2019 to 31st December 2019

Infection Transmission Incidents

One incident however no action deemed necessary by user.
A second incident by an agency staff who sought precautionary care via Occupational Health
Both incidents were investigated by management

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. Looking at replacing autoclavable ones with disposable in 2020.
- Autoclavable suction tips replaced as needed
- Upholstery replace on patient chair in surgery 4 and on nurses chair in surgery 3 as well as dentists chair back on surgery 2

Continu carried out the regular microbiological monitoring in March and July 2019

DUWL tests were carried out January, April, July 2019

A washer disinfectant is still not currently viable.

Risk Assessments

The full practice risk assessment was reviewed by Carol Turner in October.
The next risk assessment review will be in October 2020.

Staff Training

The team had Health & Safety training in January, Hand hygiene in March, Waste management training in October

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.