

Annual Infection Control Statement 2021

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 2021 to 31st December 2021

Infection Transmission Incidents

Incident on 5th February 2021 involving a nurse.

Involved a clean un used needle but occurred in patients mouth (see Accident report form)

No further action needed as no risk to the injured team member or patient

Audits

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

Surgery One's patient chair was recovered due to tear in the vinyl

Continu where not able to carry out the regular microbiological monitoring, this is due to staff changes, they hope to replace the team member and be able to take the monitoring back up for us.

DUWL tests were carried out February, April, July and October all without incident.

A washer disinfectant is still not currently viable.

Risk Assessments

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

The next risk assessment review will be in February 2022.

Staff Training

Hand hygiene training was completed in practice aswell as training from Kavo on handpiece car and maintenance. Due to Covid and working practices in light of it

training in practice was limited during 2021 with the team doing their learning mostly online via Agilio

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 February 2022 and will be reviewed again in January 2023 along with all other practice policies.