

## **Annual Infection Control Statement 2022**

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 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

### **Infection Transmission Incidents**

One inoculation injury occurred in Dec 2022 – sharps injury – team member referred to Occupational Health for bloods. Incident investigated by MReid.

One inoculation injury occurred Sept 2022 – referred to Occupational health no action deemed necessary.

### **Audits**

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

Cupboard fronts in Surg 2 require replacement

DUWL tests were carried out Jan, Feb, April, July, Oct - issue with line in surgery one in Jan – consulted with Kavo and Aura, rectified and Surgeries 1 & 3 now have facility to do a deep disinfection cycle which is carried out regularly and logged in surgery folder – no issues since

A washer disinfector is still not currently viable.

### **Risk Assessments**

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

The next risk assessment review will be in February 2023.

### **Staff Training**

Training was carried out on action in event of needlestick injury 15/2/22

Hand hygiene training given 12/5/22

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.