

## ANNUAL INFECTION PREVENTION CONTROL STATEMENT

<b>Organisation name;</b>	Schopwick Surgery
<b>Location;</b>	Bushey & Elstree
<b>Registered Manager;</b>	Tiwa Obisesan
<b>Infection control Leads;</b>	Michelle Orecchio (lead Nurse) & Alex Byrne (GP Partner)
<b>Date infection control statement produced;</b>	06/05/26
<b>Date of next review;</b>	May 2026

### Introduction

As a requirement of the Health and Social Care act 2008 Code of practice, on prevention and control of infections and related guidance, it is required that an annual statement is produced regarding compliance with good practice on infection prevention and control. The annual statement will be made available for anyone who wishes to see it (patients, representatives/staff/regulatory authorities). It has been produced by Michelle Orecchio and will be updated annually or when current advice and guidelines change.

### Outbreaks of infection

We have had no significant events reported regarding infection control issues in the time covered by this report.

We have been involved in providing Men B vaccinations for those who attended university in the Kent area due to the outbreak of meningitis in that area.

### Audit Summary

The past year there have been ongoing audits regarding PPE, sharps and hand hygiene. We now have more safety needles readily available for use.

Hand hygiene audit is ongoing. No issues raised.

PPE audit shows clinicians are using PPE appropriately. We still have some improvements to make regarding where PPE is kept, it is now kept in closable cupboards, not as standard on trolleys but they do get moved back here at times. This will be an ongoing process to ensure all staff are aware.

Annual risk assessments regarding IPC have been completed.

Replacing our chairs with wipeable compliant ones is ongoing, nearly completed. We have replaced window curtains and blinds with window film, in all treatment and minor operation rooms.

#### Actions-

Action plan for replacing chairs ongoing

Action plan for replacing sinks (hand washing sinks)

Working through some items on action plan from audits/reviews recently carried out

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<b>Training</b>	
All staff have infection control training, cold chain overview and emergency equipment as part of induction from a nurse as well as the usual e-learning which is now mandatory (ie cold chain).	
<b>Review and update of policies, procedures and guidance</b>	
All policies, procedures and guidance are updated on an annual basis or when changes occur.	
They have been updated and not due for review until 2027 however we are in the process of updating our policies to be more personalised. This will take many months. The review dates can be found on the policies themselves on teamnet.	
All changes to IPC are discussed at regular meetings with staff.	
<b>Additional information</b>	
Michelle Orecchio is the lead IPC nurse and decontamination lead; Alex Byrne is the lead GP partner in IPC	
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