

# **Brookside Group Practice Infection Prevention and Control Annual Statement 2022 – 2023**

## **Introduction**

Brookside Group Practice takes the issue of infection prevention and control provision very seriously. It is committed to maintaining an environment and practices that complies with The Health and Social Care Act 2008 and the Care Quality Commission Key Line of Enquiry “Safe”.

## **Policy & Procedures**

During the year all Health & Safety procedures were reviewed and updated. There were no major changes to any of the policies. In view of Covid-19 global pandemic, the practice has conducted appropriate risk assessments and implemented IPC changes as advised by NHSE.

IPC responsibility is noted in all job descriptions and is covered during staff induction.

## **Education & Training**

Clinical and non-clinical practice teams completed the Handwashing e-learning module as an ICP refresher training via the E-learning4Health platform.

## **Infection Transmission Incidents**

During this period there have been two (2) infection prevention and control related incidents. Both of these incidents related to needlestick injuries. The Needlestick Injury Protocol was followed, and the occurrences were recorded by the Incident Group and brought to the attention of the appropriate team for investigation, recommendation and further action as required. No further action was deemed necessary.

No cold chain incidents.

## **Risk Assessment**

Baseline Risk Assessment at the practice has been reviewed in March 2023 in view of changes to Covid-19 regulations. All risks have been assessed as either minimal or limited and all can be effectively managed through the application of existing protocols and procedures.

## **Infection Control Audit**

All areas at each site are inspected on an annual basis through internal audit. Any recommendations for change are recorded and actioned over the following period.