

# **Brookside Group Practice Infection Prevention and Control Annual Statement 2025-26**

## **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.

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

## **Education & Training**

Clinical and non-clinical practice teams received Handwashing refresher training during a practice wide training event in June 2025.

Handwashing is covered in staff inductions for all new joiners. Observed handwashing and PPE is conducted for Nursing team staff annually - May 2026.

Infection Control and Prevention training was undertaken by all practice staff in December 2025.

## **Infection Transmission Incidents**

During this period there have been one (1) infection prevention and control related incidents. This incident related to a needlestick injury. 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.

There were two (2) cases of Community Onset C-difficile infection (CDI). A root cause analysis was undertaken in each case.

## **Risk Assessment**

Baseline Risk Assessment at the practice has been reviewed in December 2025 in view of annual practice policy. 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. ICP room audits are done on a rolling basis and action plan maintained.