



The Avenues Medical Centre

Infection Prevention and Control Annual Statement

Date: 17th February 2026

Purpose

This annual statement is produced in compliance with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance. It provides a summary of:

- Infection transmission incidents
- Audits and outcomes
- Risk assessments
- Policy and procedure reviews
- Staff training
- Priorities for the next year

Infection transmission incidents

In the period from 1st April 2025 to 17th February 2026, The Avenues reported **NO** significant infection control incidents.

If any Infection transmission incidents occur, they would be investigated, and appropriate learning would be shared with staff, and any actions would be implemented to prevent recurrence.

Audits and outcomes

The following audits will be completed and actioned in the next 4 months:

Audit Type	Date Completed	Key Outcomes
Internal Infection control and Prevention	Within 1 month, before end of March 2026	To be actioned and documented
Hand Hygiene Audit	16/02/2026	100% compliance with hand washing, some discussion around jewelry (non-clinical staff) Reminders issued/Provided Monthly Audit to be continued
Quarterly Room Inspection	Within 1 month, before end of March 2026	To be actioned and documented
Personal Protective Equipment Usage	Within 1 month, before end of March 2026	To be actioned and documented

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Risk Assessments

Risk assessments completed or reviewed:

- Coshh
- Health and Safety
- Fire
- Legionella
- DSE workstations

Policy and Protocol Review

All infection control-related policies have been reviewed and updated in the month of February 2026, which include:

- Antimicrobial stewardship
- Aseptic technique
- BBVs (Blood-borne viruses)
- C. difficile (Clostridioides difficile)
- CJD (Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease)
- Hand hygiene
- Invasive devices
- MRGNB, including CPE
- MRSA
- Notifiable diseases
- Outbreaks of communicable disease
- Patient placement and assessment for infection risk
- PPE (Personal protective equipment)
- PVL-SA (Panton-Valentine Leukocidin staphylococcus aureus)
- Respiratory and cough hygiene
- Respiratory illnesses
- Safe disposal of waste, including sharps
- Safe management of blood and body fluid spillages
- Safe management of care equipment
- Safe management of linen, including uniforms and workwear
- Safe management of sharps and inoculation injuries
- Safe management of the care environment
- Scabies
- Specimen collection
- SICPS and TBPs (Standard infection control precautions and Transmission based precautions)
- Venepuncture
- Viral gastroenteritis/Norovirus

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Other surgery policies which have been reviewed and updated in the month of February 2026 are:

- Health and Safety
- The Safeguarding Leaflet
- Staff Handbook
- Emergency Continuity Plan
- Complaints Procedure
- Complaints Leaflet and Form
- Cold Chain Policy

All policies are accessible to staff on the Practice Hub Index and are to be reviewed annually.

Staff Training

All clinical and non-clinical staff at The Avenues Medical Centre have completed the following mandatory training on Teamnet/E-learning for Health:

- Data Security
- Fire Safety
- Equality and Diversity
- Safeguarding (Level 1 or 2, depending on role)
- Infection Control (Level 1 or 2, depending on role)
- Learning Disability and Autism Awareness
- The Oliver McGowan training
- Mental Capacity Act
- Basic Life Support is booked on 26.2.2026

Infection Control Lead

IPC Lead: Laura Mason – Practice Nurse

Deputy IPC Lead: Nini Isqueiro – Practice Manager

They are responsible for implementing the IPC policy, coordinating audits, and ensuring staff are trained.

Plans for 2025–2026

Continue quarterly IPC audits

Continue to engage with External cleaning company

Further promote patient awareness about hygiene in reception/waiting areas

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