



Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Annual Statement

Date of Statement: 12/01/2026

1. Purpose of the Statement

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

It sets out how Beaumont Park Medical Group ensures effective systems, processes and practices are in place to prevent, detect and control infection, in line with CQC Regulation 12 (Safe care and treatment) and Regulation 15 (Premises and equipment).

2. Leadership, Governance and Accountability

The practice has clear leadership and governance arrangements for infection prevention and control:

- A designated **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead** Anna Mitchinson
- Overall oversight by the **Practice Manager** Darren Berry

The IPC Lead is responsible for ensuring policies are implemented, audits are completed, risks are identified and managed, and staff receive appropriate training. IPC is discussed at relevant practice meetings, and learning is shared with staff to support continuous improvement.

3. Policies, Procedures and Guidance

Beaumont Park Medical Group maintains a comprehensive set of IPC policies and procedures that:

- Reflect current national guidance (UKHSA, NICE and NHS guidance)
- Are reviewed at least annually or sooner if guidance changes
- Are accessible to all staff

These include policies covering hand hygiene, use of PPE, cleaning and decontamination, waste and sharps management, safe management of blood and body fluid spillages, and the management of communicable diseases.

Compliance with policies is monitored through audit, observation and supervision.

4. Staff Training and Competence

The practice ensures staff are trained and competent to meet IPC requirements:

- All staff receive IPC training as part of induction
- Mandatory IPC refresher training is completed annually
- Role-specific training is provided where appropriate
- Training compliance is monitored and any gaps are addressed

This ensures staff have the knowledge and skills needed to deliver safe care.

5. Hand Hygiene and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Beaumont Park Medical Group promotes effective hand hygiene and appropriate use of PPE to reduce the risk of infection transmission:

- Handwashing facilities are available in all clinical areas
- Alcohol hand gel is readily accessible for staff, patients and visitors
- PPE is available and used in line with risk assessments and guidance

Hand hygiene compliance is monitored, and action is taken where improvement is required.

6. Premises, Cleaning and Decontamination

The practice premises are maintained in a clean and suitable condition:

- Cleaning schedules are in place and followed
- Responsibilities for cleaning are clearly defined
- Approved cleaning products are used
- Clinical equipment is cleaned and decontaminated in line with manufacturer instructions

Environmental cleanliness is monitored, and any issues identified are addressed promptly.

7. Waste Management and Sharps Safety

Beaumont Park Medical Group has effective arrangements for waste management:

- Waste is segregated correctly at the point of use
- Sharps are disposed of safely in approved containers
- Clinical waste is collected by a licensed contractor
- Staff are trained in safe handling and disposal of waste and sharps

These arrangements reduce the risk of injury and infection.

8. Risk Assessment, Audit and Monitoring

The practice uses risk assessments and audits to identify IPC risks and monitor compliance. Findings are reviewed, and action plans are implemented to address any shortfalls. Progress against actions is monitored to ensure sustained improvement.

9. Management of Incidents and Outbreaks

Beaumont Park Medical Group has clear procedures for managing IPC incidents, including needlestick injuries, exposure to blood or body fluids, and suspected infectious outbreaks.

All incidents are recorded, investigated and reviewed to identify learning and reduce the risk of recurrence. Where required, advice is sought from UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and incidents are reported in line with guidance.

10. Patient and Visitor Safety

The practice takes reasonable steps to protect patients and visitors from infection risks:

- Hand hygiene and IPC information is displayed
- Tissues and waste bins are available
- Patients with suspected infectious symptoms are managed appropriately

These measures support safe care delivery and align with CQC expectations.

11. Review and Continuous Improvement

This IPC Annual Statement will be reviewed annually and updated as required. Beaumont Park Medical Group is committed to continuous improvement in infection prevention and control to ensure care is delivered in a safe, clean and effective environment.

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