

Huntingdon Road Surgery

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Infection Prevention and Control Report June 2025

Summary of IPC activities in 2022-2023

IPC Team

The IPC team meet quarterly to discuss IPC matters. The regular team are:

Laura Pascual	Nurse Manager IPC Lead
Dr David Hayton	GP Partner IPC Lead
Ruth Beach	IPC Administrator
Sarah Curtis	HCA IPC team

All documents relating to IPC matters, including the minutes of the IPC meetings and current policies are available to staff in the practice joint file space and publically via the practice website [Infection Prevention and Control - Huntingdon Road Surgery](#) .

1. Training programme

At 29.04.2025 all except 2 members of staff had received face-to-face training on hand hygiene with the last 12 months. Those two members of staff have only just joined us and are either not seeing patients directly, or have had hand hygiene training before. Arrangements are already in place for their training.

General IPC training is given every 3 years. It usually takes the form of an interactive seminar hosted by the ICB IPC lead nurse(s) and is attended by all staff who can attend. Staff who cannot attend are updated by their line manager. The most recent event was on 26.5.22, and was attended by almost all staff. This covered how infections spread, standard precautions, waste and sharps management, management of needle stick injury and waste management. The in house training will be given and reviewed in the autumn of 2025.

Interim IPC training updates are cascaded to all staff through the usual management processes.

2. IPC clinical Audits

IPC Audit – Infections after minor surgery

Reviewed 29/04/2025 and agreed to remove from agenda items.

3. Healthcare associated infection (HAI) 2024-2025

[NHS England » Healthcare associated infections](#)

The practice continues assist the locality IPC leads in root cause analysis of cases of HAIs when they occur.

We recognise that antibiotic prescribing has an important role to play in HAIs. In addition to our IPC work, the Practice has robust systems in place to actively manage antibiotic prescribing habits.

Rates of antibiotic prescribing are low compared to our peers. Despite this we manage to keep our prescribing of broad-spectrum antibiotics (which are more prone to cause complications such as clostridium difficile enteritis) and quinolones on a par with other local practices.

An audit of antibiotic prescribing was undertaken in spring 2023 by our GP trainee. All prescribers underwent a training update via eLearningforHealth. Re-audit in June 2023 has shown a further reduction in broad-spectrum antibiotic and quinolone prescribing.

4. IPC buildings audits

We undertake annual inspections of IPC at all our buildings and sites. Our ICB IPC nurses have provided us with audit framework which is evidence based. The next inspection is due in Girton Nov 2025 and Huntingdon Road Surgery July 2026.

5. Our successes

We continue to actively update and improve our infection control policies and actions throughout the year with regular IPC meetings and staff training in house and from external providers.

Dr David Hayton
IPC Lead