

BELUR ORTHODONTICS

Infection Control Annual Statement

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated every year in January as a requirement of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 *Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance*.

The annual statement offers a short evaluation of the following:

- Any infection transmission event and any actions taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our Significant Event Procedure);
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken and subsequent actions;
- Details of any risk assessments undertaken for prevention and control of infection;
- Training received by staff
- Review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead

Belur Orthodontics has a Lead for Infection Prevention and Control: Dr. Vinay Belur (Practice Manager)

The IPC Lead is supported by: Seerat Fatima

Vinay and Seerat keep their training up-to-date on infection prevention and share necessary information with staff throughout the year.

Infection transmission incidents (Significant Incidents)

Significant events (which may involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events) are explored in detail to see what can be learnt and to designate changes that can lead to upcoming improvements. All significant events will be reviewed with all staff.

As a result of these events, whilst Belur Orthodontics has not had any significant events concerning infection control this year, has:

- Ensured infection control Guidance remains accessible to all staff;
- Will carry out a monthly, quarterly and six-monthly infection control audit on all clinical areas and staff.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

The Infection Prevention and Control Assessment audit was completed by Maryum Khan in February 2023.

As a result of the internal audit, the Practice plan to undertake in 2023:

- No action to be taken.
- Continue following infection control procedures.

A waste audit was completed quarterly to ensure the practice adhered to our waste policies and also a hand hygiene audit which was discussed at the Practice meeting.

An infection control and decontamination audit is completed every six months to ensure all staff adhere to practice infection control policies.

Risk assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that best practice can be established and then followed. In the last year the following risk assessments have been carried out:

Legionella (water) Risk Assessments: the practice has conducted its water safety risk assessment to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to patients, visitors and staff.

COSHH risk assessment was completed and appropriate action taken.

A internal fire risk assessment was completed in February 2023.

Training

All our staff receive annual training in Infection prevention and control.

Infection Control Lead have an annual update. Information is then disseminated to the clinical and non-clinical team within staff meetings.

The team either attends an annual Infection Control Update or completes an annual e-learning update.

Policies

All infection Prevention and Control related policies are in date for this year.

Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are available to all staff via dental compliance and are reviewed and updated annually, and all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes. Infection control policies are circulated amongst staff for reading and discussed at meetings on an annual basis.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each individual to be familiar with this Statement and their roles and responsibilities under this.

Responsibility for Review

The Infection Prevention and Control Lead and the Practice Manager are responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement.

Dr. Vinay Belur (Practice Principal):

Jodie Britnell (Practice Manager)

Seerat Fatima (Orthodontic Nurse & Infection Control Lead):

Review date: 28/02/2025

For and on behalf of Belur Orthodontics

