

## **Annual Infection Control Statement 2016**

This statement will be generated each year in January to summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken and any subsequent actions taken as a result
- Details of any infection control risk assessment undertaken and any subsequent actions taken as a result
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

This statement is prepared by Michelle Reid, Infection Control Lead at Heath Dental and covers the period of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

### **Infection Transmission Incidents**

13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – Rebecca Carr had a sharps injury – attended Occupational Health for a Hep B booster results still pending

16<sup>th</sup> November – Alison Fry had a sharps injury and attended Occupational Health for a booster and blood tests – results still pending

### **Audits**

The IPS HTM 01-05 Audit was completed in March and September, and the following actions taken:

- We employed a decon nurse to purely work in the decontamination room
- Suction tips replaced
- Wall mounted, sensor operated hand rub and soap dispensers purchased
- Upholstery in surgery 2 and 3 recovered where needed
- Cabinets in surgery 4 resealed

Continu carried out the regular microbiological monitoring on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Wall mounted soap and hand sanitiser dispensers have been purchased, these will be put up once practice repainted early 2017

## **Risk Assessments**

The full practice risk assessment was reviewed by Carol Turner in June 2016. No changes had occurred within the practice since the 2015 one so no action needed.

Only action taken was a risk assessment done for a team member that was expecting a baby, done initially 19/7/17 at which time the team member was informed not to lift/climb and to ensure guidelines for equipment/materials was followed, if every unsure to find out any hazardous information before use, reviewed 6/10/17 and 11/01/17

The next risk assessment review will be in June 2017.

## **Staff Training**

No internal onsite training was carried out this year due to staffing shortages.

Nurses did complete online training sessions throughout the year relating to decontamination of instruments, hand hygiene and PPE, manual cleaning, cross infection control.

The Infection Control Policy was last reviewed in January 2016 and will be reviewed again in January 2017 along with all other practice policies.