



Adnova Clinic

Infection Control Annual Statement

Purpose

The annual statement will be generated each year in June in accordance with the requirements of The Health and Social Care Act 2008 *Code of Practice (2022) on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance*. It summarises:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported under our Significant Event procedure).
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken, and actions undertaken
- Details of any risk assessment undertaken for prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures, and guidelines

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Lead

Adnova Clinic has one Lead of Infection Prevention and Control: Lynne Proctor (Theatre Manager)

The IPC Lead is supported by: Mr Charles Durrant (Consultant Surgeon)

Non-Clinical: Lee Olsen (Practice Manager)

Lynne is planning to complete the RCN Accredited 2-day Link Practitioners Course again this year and was also IPC Link Practitioner for Operating Theatres within the NHS and Royal Navy.

Infection Transmission Incidents (Significant Events)

Significant events (which may involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events) are investigated in detail to see what can be learned and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements. All significant events are reviewed in the management meetings and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff.

Since we started operating, no significant events have been raised in related to infection control.

Infection Prevention Audit and Actions

The annual Infection Prevention and Control Audit was conducted by an independent external specialist, Infection Prevention Solutions, in February 2026. They are to attend again within a year to conduct another independent audit.



Adnova Clinic received a grade of **GOOD**.

As a result of the audit, the following things have been/will be changed in Adnova Clinic:

- Re-education of cleaners to use the appropriate mops
- New risk assessments for all infection control policies
- Infection control annual statement put on website
- Update the sharps injury/splash posters

Audits undertaken/continuing 2025-2026:

- An audit on cleaning is undertaken monthly by Smart Group Services
- Adnova Clinic is conducting cleaning audits by NHS England's functional risk category
- A legionella audit is conducted monthly
- Anaesthetic Audit
- Clinicept Audit/Trial
- Surgical incision audit has been running for over a year and will continue

Audits we plan to conduct/continue 2026-2027:

- Annual Infection Prevention and Control Audit
- Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly & Bi-annually Adnova Infection Control Audits
- Legionella Audit
- Wound/Surgical Incision Audit is continuous
- Sharps Audit
- Cleaning Audits (Adnova and Smart Group Services)

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 were carried out:

Legionella Risk Assessment: this is done monthly, and water temperature is checked weekly. We have an independent company booked to come and do quarterly external audits and testing.

Clinical Waste Risk Assessment: We use an external company called Initial and conform to all standards. All clinical waste is picked up weekly.

Sets and Instruments Risk Assessment: We use an external company IHSS Southampton and conform to all standards, set by them. We keep all traceability stickers and have them scanned onto patient's files in case of any future issue.

Correct Theatre Attire Risk Assessment: We ensure that all staff within the theatre environment are wearing the correct clothing, hats, PPE, gowns, and footwear. All staff have trained within the theatre environment and have read the Theatre Infection Control Policy. Access to theatre will be denied if the correct attire is not worn.



Linen Risk Assessment: Elis is an external company that deals with all our linen. We conform to all the standards that are required by them. Staff are reminded to use universal precautions with the correct PPE always provided.

Training

All our staff receive training yearly in Infection Prevention and Control to Level one, and Level one and two for all clinical staff, this was completed online and by teams training with IPS.

Lynne Proctor has received specialist training in infection prevention and control and has another update this year and completed level one and two.

Policy

All Infection Prevention and Control Related Policies are in date.

Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated two yearly, and all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice, guidance and legislation changes.

Infection Control policies are signed yearly on TeamNet by all staff or if any policy has been updated.

Responsibility

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

Review date

February 2027

Responsibility for Review

The Infection Prevention and Control Lead (Lynne Proctor) is responsible for reviewing and producing the Annual Statement.

Lynne Proctor

Theatre Manager/Infection Control Lead/ODP

For and on behalf of Adnova Clinic