

# Highgate Medical Centre

## Infection Control Annual Statement 2025–2026

Date: 2nd December 2025

## Purpose

This statement provides a summary of our infection prevention and control (IPC) activities over the past year, ensuring patient safety and staff awareness.

## Key Highlights

- **Significant Event:** One incident involving vaccine storage temperature during building works. Fully investigated, specialist advice followed, and processes improved.
- **Audits Completed:**
  - **Joint Injections:** No infections or complications reported.
  - **Sharps Audit:** Improved disposal practices; repeat scheduled in 12 months.
  - **Clinical Waste Audit:** Correct disposal reinforced; repeat scheduled in 12 months.
  - **Hand Hygiene Audit:** Reinforced “no jewellery or watches” policy during clinical work.
- **Premises Cleaning Plan:** Reviewed and confirmed as correct in October 2025.
- **Staff Training:** Annual update covered hand hygiene, sharps/waste management, COSHH, PPE, vaccine storage, cleaning protocols, and decontamination of medical devices.
- **Risk Assessments:** Conducted annually and as required; updates shared with staff.
- **Policies & Procedures:** Regularly reviewed, up to date, and accessible via TeamNet.

## Commitment

Highgate Medical Centre remains committed to:

- Maintaining high standards of infection prevention and control.
- Ensuring staff are trained and supported.
- Reviewing policies and procedures regularly.
- Protecting patients, staff, and the wider community.