



IPC Annual Statement Report

Southport and Formby GP Health Federation

26/9/25

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in accordance with the requirements of the [Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice](#) on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance. The report will be published on the company website and will include the following summary:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our significant event procedure)
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken, and actions undertaken
- Details of any risk assessments undertaken for the prevention and control of infection
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures, and guidelines

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) lead

The lead for infection prevention and control at Southport and Formby Health is Natalie Cheston (Link Nurse)

The IPC lead is supported by Abdul Zubairu (Medical Director)

a. Infection transmission incidents (significant events)

Significant events involve examples of good practice as well as challenging events.

Positive events are discussed at meetings to allow all staff to be appraised of areas of best practice.

Negative events are managed by the staff member who either identified or was advised of any potential shortcoming. This person will complete a Significant Event Analysis (SEA) form that commences an investigation process to establish what can be learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements.

All significant events are reviewed and discussed at several meetings each month. Any learning points are cascaded to all relevant staff where an action plan, including audits or policy review, may follow.



In the past year there have been 2 significant events raised that related to infection control. There have also been 0 complaints made regarding cleanliness or infection control.

b. Infection prevention audit and actions

Data Collection - 26/09/2025

Carried out by: NC

Results: New template completed for 6 monthly inspection to comply with infection control policy and utilise Mersey care infection control independent audit template. 99% achieved. Green RAG rating. Please see full audit for actions. Standard achieved. Actions to meet 100% added to premises checks to be reported to 7 Day Admin team.

Complete: Yes

Further 6 monthly audits can be requested to be seen and are located on Team Net within the Southport and Formby Health Limited Portal. Monthly checks can be seen with the Limited portal in the premises checks section.

Audits are completed every 6 months and checks are completed on a monthly basis.

c. Risk assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so that any risk is minimised to be as low as reasonably practicable. Additionally, a risk assessment that can identify best practice can be established and then followed.

In the last year, the following risk assessments were carried out/reviewed:

- Sharps assessment
- COSHH
- Staff vaccinations
- Staff training
- Cleaning checks
- Water safety

d. Training

In addition to staff being involved in risk assessments and significant events, at Southport and Formby Health all staff and contractors receive IPC induction training on commencing their post. Thereafter, all clinical staff receive refresher training annually and non-clinical staff 2 yearly.

e. Handbook

An infection prevention and control handbook has been Introduced following approval.

This handbook along with any associated policies relating to infection prevention and control are available to all staff and are reviewed and updated annually. Additionally, all policies are amended on an ongoing basis as per current advice, guidance, and legislation changes.

f. Responsibility

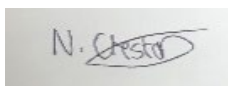
It is the responsibility of all staff members at Southport and Formby Health to be familiar with this statement and their roles and responsibilities under it.

g. Review

The IPC lead and Nicola Ball (Governance Officer) are responsible for reviewing and producing the annual statement.

This annual statement will be updated on or before September 30th 2026.

Signed by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Ball", written over a light blue horizontal line.

For and on behalf of Southport and Formby GP Health Federation