

Infection Control Statement January 2026

Riverside Health Centre

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The purpose of audits and this statement is to comply with the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and to meet CQC standards. The Suffolk and North East Essex ICB has implemented training and documents to guide the process. Important documents include Infection Prevention and Control: National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness in General Practice and Checklist for compliance with The Code of Practice for GP practices. This documentation has been developed by Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (2021).

Audits are undertaken in line with current guidelines and actions implemented to improve infection control and patient safety. Our annual audit was performed on the 24th February 2026 with a clear action plan. We are constrained by limitations of the building, therefore we will endeavour to implement changes to ensure and maintain high standards regarding cleanliness and safety as able.

Infection control training updates are provided to all staff. Additional training is provided by our local ICB – Suffolk and North East Essex with additional support as required. Currently the ICB's are being reconfigured and we will be losing our current support.

Policies and procedures are currently reviewed and updated annually and is available to staff through Teamnet

No significant events of transmission of infections in the last year. There was one sharps injury.

Risk assessments are conducted throughout the year as identified as well as the necessary ones documented on Teamnet.

As a patient or member of the public, it is important to make sure that you are aware of the infection prevention and control information that is available to you and how this can help you prevent infections. All toilets have guidance on 'Best practice, how to wash your hands'.

If you have any concerns about infection prevention and control, please do make us aware, for any immediate concerns please discuss this with one of our infection prevention and control leads or a member of the management team.