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**Annual Infection Control Statement**

**April 2024-March 2025**

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## Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year. It will summarise:

* Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken.
* Details of any infection control audits undertaken, and actions taken.
* Details of any infection control risk assessments undertaken.
* Details of staff training.
* Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines.

## Background

Century Healthcare Ltd and Century Healthcare2 Ltd is made up of six homes across the North West These consist of

* 1 residential Home
* 1 nursing Homes for people with dementia
* 2 general nursing Homes
* 1 home split between general nursing and residential
* 1 home 1 general nursing unit and 1 nursing dementia unit

Infection Control is led for the organisation by the Clinical Operations Manager and at each home by a nominated infection control lead person.

## 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 learnt and to indicate changes that might lead to future improvements.  All significant events are reviewed at the two monthly Governance and risk meetings and learning is cascaded to all relevant staff.

In 2023 we reviewed our infection prevention and control mandatory training package and increased learning modules for staff delivering personal care, clinical care, and ancillary staff to support safe effective care delivery and minimise risk of cross infection within our homes. In 2024 we have again reviewed staffs training and each home’s nominated infection control lead person has or will in 2025 complete a two-day course specifically designed for the IPC lead role within our homes.

## Reporting

Century Healthcare monitor all events through accident and clinical incident reporting. All clinical incident forms have an area to report any infectious outbreaks or sharps injuries.

There has been 1 sharps injury for the reporting period. Incident low risk, reported via internal clinical reporting process, policy for needlestick injury followed.

4 infectious outbreaks of diarrhoea and sickness.

1 outbreak of respiratory infection

## Audit

Century Healthcare have an annual audit calendar. Infection control audits are completed weekly by all homes and compliance alongside outcomes of any identified actions are checked at least 2 monthly by the Clinical Operations Manager.

Mattress audit is carried out formally every 6 months with staff completing visual checks at every linen change. Records confirm any failed mattress at audit have been replaced.

Health and Safety audit is completed every 3 months.

Three of our homes for this reporting period have undergone external community IPC audit, all were found to be compliant with a rating of green.

## Risk Assessment

Legionella (Water) Risk Assessment: Century Healthcare 2023/2024 commissioned and completed water safety risk assessments for all its homes to ensure that the water supply does not pose a risk to service users, visitors or staff.

## Staff Training

Compliance to training is reported on every 2 months at organisational governance and risk meetings where incidents and accidents are also reviewed.

## Hygiene Rating

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| Ambleside Bank | 5 Star ✯ ✯ ✯ ✯ ✯ | 08/01/2025 |
| Gillibrand Hall | **5 Star** ✯ ✯ ✯ ✯ ✯ | 28/08/2024 |
| Lytham Court | **5 Star** ✯ ✯ ✯ ✯ ✯ | 05/10/2023 |
| Euxton Park  | **5 Star** ✯ ✯ ✯ ✯ ✯ | 07/05/2024 |
| New Thursby | **5 Star** ✯ ✯ ✯ ✯ ✯ | 03/09/2024 |
| Priory Court  | **5 Star** ✯ ✯ ✯ ✯ ✯ | 13/11/2024 |

## Relevant Policies/Procedures Guidelines

Health and Safety Statement

Infection Prevention and Control Policy and Procedure

Oral hygiene Policy

Pandemic Flu Policy and Procedure

Safe Use of Work Equipment Policy and Procedure

Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedure

The Reporting and Management of Incidents