

WORKPLACE RISK ASSESSMENT

Scope of Risk Assessment/ Area and Activity assessed	<p>COVID19 is a new illness that can affect the lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus of this assessment is upon ensuring that the Company meets its requirements in respect of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and associated Regulations • Safeguards the health and wellbeing of employees, staff, volunteers, clients, contractors, tenants and visitors to the building • Has in place a process to ascertain pre- attendance information for workers and volunteers • Has in place a process to ascertain criteria around the provision of “essential services” • Identify the means by which the company can seek to ensure business continuity <p>This assessment is a live document and will be revised and amended as further information becomes available</p>		
Name, Job Title & Signature of Assessor (s)	Name: Clare Burgess	Job Title: Chief Executive Officer	
	Name:	Job Title:	
Date of Risk Assessment	Revised 15/06/20	Review Date	Ongoing and daily according to PHE directives and Advice Last reviewed 21/12/21

Details of Environment/ Activity / Task assessed	<p>Activity includes work within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company owned buildings or area of operation, • Use of vehicles & essential visits to homes • Meal delivery, Laundry, Hands 2 Help, ILS, Shopping, PIP, Dementia Outreach, Befriending, I&A, Administrative and Management 		
Hazards Identified:	Uncontrolled spread of Covid 19 – reviewed to include Omicron Variant which is believed to be highly transmissible		
Those at Risk	ALL- Clients, Staff, Tenants, Visitors, Volunteers, Contractors, Trustees		

Identify the risks that are present and identify controls in place to reduce this risk	Risk identify ✓/X	Control measures currently in place	Risk level with controls (High, Medium, Low)	Additional controls recommended to reduce risk
Risk arising from the uncontrolled spread of person to person infection leading to mild or severe infection which may lead to death.	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · We follow Government and NHS information and advice on how to contain and slow the spread of the virus to others. · The support of Company safety advisors is sought when required All staff to complete COVID 19 Specific training · Hand Hygiene · Actions around Government advice in respect of hygiene and hand washing followed. · Hand washing advice is displayed and communicated to staff and clients (posters and updates). · Hand washing facilities with soap, hot water and disposable towels in place. 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Assessment is subject to constant review · CEO and Management Team to constantly review processes in line with Government guidance issued. · All updated procedures to control risk to be regularly communicated to staff <p>Employees/ volunteers to be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with water and soap and the importance of proper drying with disposable towels. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues</p>

<p>Risk arising from the uncontrolled spread of person to person infection leading to mild or severe infection which may lead to death. (Continued)</p>	<p>✓</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Stringent Handwashing in place · Sanitisers obtained and sited around the building and issued to staff/volunteers who leave the building to deliver essential community based services where handwashing may not be available · All Staff and relevant Volunteers receive Infection control training. · Staff encouraged to protect the skin by applying emollient cream regularly · https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/emollients/ 	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Assessment under constant review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Catch it, Bin it, Kill it and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Tissues will be made available throughout the workplace. · Encourage staff to report any problems and carry out skin checks as part of a skin surveillance programme <p>https://www.hse.gov.uk/skin/professional/health-surveillance.htm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice - https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus · Rigorous checks will be carried out by line managers to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed.
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<p>Risk arising from the uncontrolled spread of person to person infection leading to mild or severe infection which may lead to death. (continued)</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>assess risk, take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken. Public Health Authority https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Guidance on pre-attendance at a dwelling or work place issued and communicated to staff · Staff and volunteers to be continually advised to report any concerns to management and if in doubt as to state of health must seek advice from 111 or G.P as to whether they need to self- isolate and stay at home as per PHE & NHS guidelines · Social distancing measures communicated and implemented (2 metre gap) · Clients asked to report concerns they may have for their own health and welfare. Clients of all services are called weekly to enquire as to health and wellbeing. · Ongoing evaluation of activity reasonably expected by staff to complete when attending a dwelling area or other 	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Assessment under constant review</p>
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<p>Risk to business from lack of business continuity, planning and associated business disruption leading to lost revenue and reputation.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company is aware of the impact of COVID19 and associated difficulties surrounding the ability to manage business activities in a changing and challenging environment. Business Continuity plan in Place and under review CO Management Team follow & implement directives and guidance from KCC, Age UK, PHE and NHS to ensure safety of services delivered CEO will update Trustees regularly on all issues that pose a risk to business continuity CEO and Management will seek to support the organisation to maximise income from: 	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Assessment under constant review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing review of current emergency and contingency plans to ensure company processes and resilience Monitor supplies and. Seek alternative suppliers where necessary to maintain flow of supplies. Build reserve of stocks Ensure good communication completed with staff and clients. Undertake regular communication with clients to ensure that they are aware of issues affecting delivery of services

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