

## COVID-19 Environmental Risk Assessment – Community & Supported Living

<b>Service Name</b>		Community & Supported Living			<b>Completed By</b>		Lucy Shelley / Sarah Ellis		
<b>Description of the task/activity</b>					<b>Time the task/activity usually takes place</b>				
<p>This supplementary risk assessment is to support Community &amp; Supported Living staff supporting people in their own homes and in the community. It sits alongside all existing risk assessments designed to manage the exposure risks associated with COVID-19.</p> <p>In line with Government advice, Community &amp; Supported Living staff must stay alert and dynamically risk assess their working environment, taking immediate action to stay safe as needed.</p>					<p>Tasks and activities take place at various times of day.</p>				
<b>People involved in the task/activity</b>					<b>Where the task/activity takes place</b>				
Community & Supported Living staff					People's own homes, shops, public buildings, transport, offices, outdoor activities, eating and drinking establishments				
<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Possible consequences</b>	<b>L (1-5)</b>	<b>S (1-5)</b>	<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Risk control measures</b>	<b>L (1-5)</b>	<b>S (1-5)</b>	<b>Revised risk level</b>	
Staff members coming into contact with a person with COVID	COVID-19 exposure	4	4	16	<p>Prior to going into people's homes, non-physical contact is to be made to establish the person's and household member's health and any symptoms.</p> <p>If a person or household member are found to be suffering from COVID symptoms community support sessions cannot take place.</p> <p>Telephone support sessions will be offered as an alternative to community support sessions during any self-isolation periods.</p> <p>Staff will wear surgical face masks during support sessions were social distancing cannot be maintained, supported living houses, in shops, public buildings and transport.</p>	3	4	12	

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					People will be supported to book and attend for their COVID-19 vaccinations.			
Staff members going to the office and bringing COVID-19 into office	COVID-19 exposure	4	4	16	<p>Staff will use Lateral Flow Testing kits twice weekly and will not come to work if a positive result is detected, they will be requested to have a PCR test and follow self-isolation guidance until result is confirmed.</p> <p>Staff will be strongly advised and supported to have the COVID-19 vaccinations in line with Government priority groups roll-out.</p> <p>Staff will have their temperature taken on arrival to the office.</p> <p>If a staff member becomes ill or displays COVID-19 symptoms they must self-isolate and notify their line manager so that appropriate action can be taken.</p> <p>If a staff member becomes aware of a person within their household who has a confirmed COVID-19 infection, then they must self-isolate in line with current Government guidance.</p> <p>All staff members must practise good hand hygiene by washing hands or using hand sanitiser on arrival, departure and regularly throughout the day.</p> <p>When moving about the communal areas of the building, social distancing must still be followed and a surgical face mask must worn.</p> <p>If a staff member unintentionally exposes themselves to another staff member or person who has a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis they must inform their manager immediately so that appropriate action can be taken.</p>	3	4	12
Risk of contamination from tasks and	COVID-19 exposure	4	4	16	<p>Staff will wear surgical face masks during support sessions were social distancing cannot be maintained.</p> <p>Tasks and sessions will be designed to allow for 2m social</p>	3	4	12

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sessions					<p>distancing to be undertaken.</p> <p>People will be requested to keep social distancing guidelines.</p> <p>Numbers of people attending Beaufort House for support will be limited to ensure social distancing is maintained.</p>			
Cross contamination from touching surfaces	COVID-19 exposure	4	4	16	<p>All touchable surfaces in supported living accommodation will be sanitised by staff on arrival to the property and prior to leaving.</p> <p>Staff will be provided with disinfectant wipes and hand sanitiser.</p> <p>All high touch areas in office spaces will be cleaned twice daily by contracted cleaning company.</p> <p>Shared equipment (desks, keyboards, etc.) will be disinfected with pure alcohol spray before and after use.</p>	3	4	12
Travelling / vehicles	COVID-19 exposure	4	4	16	<p>Staff will avoid the use of public transport where possible. If this is unavoidable, Government guidelines must be followed</p> <p>Staff will clean their hands with hand sanitiser after touching any surface, the touching of surfaces must be avoided as much as possible.</p> <p>When transporting people in cars, the person should sit in the back furthest away from the driver and windows kept open for ventilation.</p> <p>Staff will wear a surgical face mask when driving with a person in their car.</p> <p>High touch areas of cars (handles etc.) will be cleaned thoroughly with alcohol wipes after use.</p> <p>Car sharing with colleagues is acceptable where no other option is available, all people in the car will wear a face covering, open windows, use hand sanitiser before and after getting in the car and avoid touching surfaces.</p>	3	4	12

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LIKELIHOOD	Almost Certain	5	10	15	20	25
	Likely	4	8	12	16	20
	Possible	3	6	9	12	15
	Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
	Rare	1	2	3	4	5
		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		SEVERITY				

Details of other relevant risk or safety assessments (i.e. what they are and where can they be found)	All existing activity-based risk assessments remain valid and must continue to be used as needed by Community and Supported Living staff
Additional comments	Further guidance can be found on the COVID-19 Information page on the staff intranet

Date of initial risk assessment:	15/07/2020	Risk assessment review date:	Bi-monthly intervals
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Risk assessment review date	Review completed by	Description of changes	Team updated
07/12/2020	Lucy Shelley & Sarah Ellis	Reviewed and re-written using new template	07/12/2020
09/03/2021	Lucy Shelley & Sarah Ellis	Included lateral flow testing for staff and vaccinations as additional control measures	09/03/2021