

WATER MANAGEMENT POLICY

Policy Statement

Public Health Wales considers Water Management to be important and seeks to ensure all staff, stakeholders that it has appropriate policies and procedures in place to safely manage water systems for which it is responsible for.

This policy has been developed in line with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc., Act 1974 and the Welsh Health Technical Memorandum (WHTM) 04 – 01 (Safe water in healthcare premises) and Approved Code of Practice (ACoP) L8 (The control of legionella bacteria in water systems).

Policy Commitment

Public Health Wales is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of its staff and those who are affected by its activities, and recognises the obligations imposed under:

The Health and Safety at Work etc., Act 1974, and the Welsh Health Technical Memorandum (WHTM) 04 – 01 (Safe water in healthcare premises) and ACoP L8 (The control of legionella bacteria in water systems):

- Where Public Health Wales is responsible for water management minimise water related incidents
- Implement appropriate controls to minimise incidence.

It is essential that the risk of Legionella in all areas of Public Health Wales buildings/sites, where it has responsibility for water systems, is considered and suitably assessed in order that effective controls can be developed and implemented.

Risk assessments will pay particular attention to both environmental (engineering system) and risks associated with the occupants which includes:

- degree of immunocompromise of individuals (staff and service users) using the area (where applicable)
- categorisation of the area as clinical or non-clinical or solely used by staff
- water circulation/stagnation/dead legs/usage/turnover
- water temperature

- aerosol generation
- little used outlets
- number of positive legionella sample detections
- type of outlets water treatment

Supporting Procedures and Written Control Documents

[All corporate policies and procedures are available on the Public Health Wales website](#)

All other organisational Health and Safety policies, procedures and written control documents:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Water Management Procedure
- Infection Control Policy
- Control of Contractors Procedure
- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Procedure

Scope

This policy and any arrangements made under it applies to:

- all the buildings currently owned or occupied (under a full maintenance lease or otherwise) by the Trust
- All persons employed or engaged by Public Health Wales, including part time workers, temporary and agency workers, those holding honorary contracts and those engaged by the NHS Wales Health Collaborative and Finance Delivery Unit
- All contractors, service users, visitors and volunteers

Where Public Health Wales provides services with other organisations, including health boards, the policies and procedures of the employing organisation including honorary contract holders will apply. Where appropriate joint working arrangements will be agreed and for shared premises a Service Level Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding or alternative agreement will be in place.

Equality and Health Impact Assessment	An Equality, Welsh Language and Health Impact Assessment has been completed and can be viewed on the policy webpages.
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Summary of reviews/amendments				
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