



Review Sheet



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28 Mar '24



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Next Planned Review in 12 months, or sooner as required.

Business impact



Minimal action required circulate information amongst relevant parties.

Reason for this review

Scheduled review

Were changes made?

Yes

Summary:

This Health and Safety Policy and Procedure provides guidance and support on the measures and requirements in place at aebal leisure. It has been reviewed with no significant changes. Underpinning Knowledge and Further Reading reference links have also been checked and updated.

Relevant legislation:

- The Care Act 2014
- Civil Contingencies Act 2004
- The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989
- The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013
- The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998
- The Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005
- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981
- Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
- The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992
- The Health and Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002
- The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002
- Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR)
- The Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 (as amended 2002)

Underpinning knowledge - What have we used to ensure that the policy is current:

- Author: HSE, (2022), *Health and safety management systems*. [Online] Available from: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/managing/health.htm> [Accessed: 28/3/2024]
- Author: HSE, (2015), *Guidance on Domiciliary Care and Section 51 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act (HSWA)*. [Online] Available from: https://www.hse.gov.uk/foi/internalops/sims/pub_serv/071105.htm [Accessed: 28/3/2024]
- Author: HSE, (2023), *Health and social care services*. [Online] Available from: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/healthservices/index.htm> [Accessed: 28/3/2024]
- Author: HSE, (2020), *Workplace Health and Safety Standards*. [Online] Available from: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/healthservices/hswpg.htm> [Accessed: 28/3/2024]
- Author: HSE, (2020), *Who regulates health and social care*. [Online] Available from: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/healthservices/arrangements.htm> [Accessed: 28/3/2024]

Suggested action:

- Encourage sharing the policy through the use of the QCS App

Equality Impact Assessment:

QCS have undertaken an equality analysis during the review of this policy. This statement is a written record that demonstrates that we have shown due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations with respect to the characteristics protected by equality law.



1. Purpose

1.1 To describe the arrangements adopted by aebal leisure to ensure it fulfils its legal duties and health and safety obligations.

1.2 To identify the roles and outline individual responsibilities within aebal leisure for the effective management and monitoring of the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and its subordinate legislation.

1.3 To support aebal leisure in meeting the following Key Lines of Enquiry/Quality Statements (New):

Key Question	Key Lines of Enquiry	Quality Statements (New)
SAFE	S2: How are risks to people assessed and their safety monitored and managed so they are supported to stay safe and their freedom is respected?	QSS4: Involving people to manage risks QSS5: Safe environments
SAFE	S6: Are lessons learned and improvements made when things go wrong?	QSS1: Learning culture
WELL-LED	W2: Does the governance framework ensure that responsibilities are clear and that quality performance, risks and regulatory requirements are understood and managed?	QSW5: Governance, management and sustainability
WELL-LED	W4: How does the service continuously learn, improve, innovate and ensure sustainability?	QSW7: Learning, improvement and innovation

1.4 To meet the legal requirements of the regulated activities that aebal leisure is registered to provide:

- | The Care Act 2014
- | Civil Contingencies Act 2004
- | The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989
- | The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013
- | The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998
- | The Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005
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2. Scope

2.1 The following roles may be affected by this policy:

- | All staff

2.2 The following Service Users may be affected by this policy:

- | Service Users

2.3 The following stakeholders may be affected by this policy:

- | Family
- | Advocates
- | Representatives
- | Commissioners
- | External health professionals
- | Local Authority
- | NHS



3. Objectives

3.1 aebal leisure has a written statement of general policy, as required by the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, which is reviewed annually by Gemma Toulson.

3.2 This policy and procedure is implemented alongside all of the health and safety policies, procedures and supporting documentation at aebal leisure.

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4. Policy

4.1 aebal leisure recognises that it has a responsibility to ensure that reasonable precautions are taken to provide and maintain working conditions which are safe, healthy and comply with all statutory requirements and codes of practice relating to its activities.

4.2 Statement of Intent

aebal leisure acknowledges and accepts the responsibilities placed on it as an 'Employer' by the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and other relevant legislation. aebal leisure considers that a safe and healthy working environment is a prerequisite to achieving the safe, high-quality Care. aebal leisure provides a safe working environment for its staff and those who work on its behalf.

aebal leisure will provide and maintain a healthy and safe working environment to minimise the number of instances of occupational accidents, incidents, illnesses and near misses. Through the implementation of the Health and Safety Policy, aebal leisure is committed to the following objectives:

- | To provide, as far as reasonably practicable, a safe and healthy working environment, safe premises and facilities for staff, Service Users, contractors and others who work on its behalf
- | Maintaining the workplace in a safe condition and providing adequate facilities and arrangements for welfare at work
- | The provision and maintenance of equipment and systems of work that are safe
- | Putting in place arrangements for ensuring safety in connection with the use, handling, storage and transport of articles and substances are in place
- | Providing information, instructions, training and supervision as is necessary to ensure the health and safety at work for its employees and other persons
- | Health and safety policy, standards and management systems (including procedures and work instructions) will be defined, documented, implemented and maintained
- | Creating for staff, as far as is practicable, a working environment where potential work-related stressors are avoided, minimised or mitigated through good management practices, effective human resources policies and staff development
- | Ensuring, as far as reasonably practicable, that risks associated with travel by staff for aebal leisure are appropriately managed
- | Making sure that all staff are aware of their health and safety responsibilities and know what is expected of them and what they must do to discharge the responsibilities assigned to them
- | Providing access for staff to appropriate training and development to enable them to discharge competently the responsibilities assigned to them
- | Having an effective system for communicating and consulting on health and safety matters and securing the co-operation of staff, Service Users and commissioners in implementing the Health and Safety Policy and Procedure
- | To have in place arrangements to plan, implement, monitor and review measures to address risks arising from the activities of aebal leisure
- | To strive to continuously improve the health and safety performance at aebal leisure
- | Ensuring the appointment of a competent person to support aebal leisure in meeting its statutory health and safety duties
- | To provide sufficient resources with which aebal leisure can effectively discharge their duties in maintaining a healthy and safe working environment for all who work and live in the premises of aebal leisure

4.3 aebal leisure reviews its health and safety systems and procedures as often as necessary and at least annually, to ensure that they reflect legal responsibilities associated with applicable:

- | Health and safety law, regulations, approvals, licences and other legal requirements
- | International, national and regional standards
- | Industry codes and best practice
- | Contractual requirements

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- | Expectations of regulators and other key stakeholders

Systems and procedures are made available to those working for and on behalf of aebal leisure so that they are aware of their individual health and safety obligations.

A health and safety management structure is implemented to support the delivery of health and safety policies, systems, objectives and targets, to review health and safety performance and respond to health and safety incidents.

4.4 aebal leisure is charged with implementing this policy by use of a suitable safety management system. Gemma Toulson seeks and expects the full co-operation and support of aebal leisure to ensure that the Health and Safety Policy and the arrangements that are put in place to support the objectives of the policy are implemented effectively.

Gemma Toulson will have day-to-day responsibility for ensuring compliance with this policy.

The Health and Safety Policy 'Statement of Intent' at aebal leisure will be ratified and signed by aebal leisure. This signifies the commitment of aebal leisure to ensuring that the successful management of health and safety is of paramount importance within aebal leisure.

A copy of the Health and Safety Policy 'Statement of Intent' is displayed in a prominent location at aebal leisure and will be reviewed at least annually.

4.5 Health and Safety Responsibilities in aebal leisure**Executive**

- | aebal leisure is responsible for safety in aebal leisure and monitors the Health and Safety Policy and Procedure on a regular basis
- | aebal leisure is sufficiently informed on health and safety matters to ensure that sufficient resources are available to provide any health and safety equipment, clothing, information and training for employees in order, as far as is reasonably practicable, to achieve and maintain high health and safety standards

4.6 Safety Officer

The Safety Officer is Service Director, unless indicated otherwise by a notice on the main staff noticeboard of aebal leisure. The responsibilities of Service Director are to:

- | Maintain safety records
- | Ensure that employee and Service User risk assessments are in place, proportionate and up to date
- | Investigate accidents, incidents and near misses, with a view to the prevention of future occurrences
- | Record and monitor accident, incident and near miss statistics
- | Keep a watching brief on changing safety legislation
- | Report directly to Gemma Toulson of aebal leisure on matters of health and safety
- | Ensure that the obligations of aebal leisure with respect to assessment, control and monitoring of hazardous substances are met
- | Ensure that the recording of specified incidents is carried out in accordance with RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013), by ensuring that the Accident and Incident Reporting Policy and Procedure is followed and that all accidents are recorded, using the form attached to that policy
- | Ensure that Nottingham City Council or Nottinghamshire County Council is informed of any accidents or incidents involving Service Users that meet their local reporting requirements
- | Ensure that the CQC is notified in line with statutory reporting requirements

4.7 Team Manager (where this differs from the Service Director)

Where there are no designated team managers, Gemma Toulson fulfils this role. Team managers have the responsibility to provide leadership and to promote responsible attitudes towards health and safety.

A team manager will:

- | Ensure that each new employee is given induction training, including the precautions and procedures appropriate to their specific jobs. All new members of staff will be shown the location of first aid boxes, fire exits and firefighting equipment
- | Ensure that all staff are aware of the Health and Safety Policy and Procedure, have access to the QCS Online system and are aware of the QCS Mobile App
- | Keep up to date with health and safety matters applicable to the operations of aebal leisure

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- | Investigate all accidents with the assistance of Gemma Toulson, with a view to the prevention of further occurrences
- | Ensure that good housekeeping standards are applied
- | Periodically review all new and existing equipment with reference to mechanical and operational safety and, in particular, the location of all equipment, bearing in mind all health and safety factors. This includes equipment within the Service User's home
- | Carry out regular safety checks and audits

4.8 Supervisors

Supervisors have the responsibility to provide leadership and to promote responsible attitudes towards health and safety. Supervisors must ensure that all tasks carried out in their sections are performed with the utmost regard for the health and safety of all those involved.

Accidents must be reported immediately to the Team Manager or Gemma Toulson. Particular regard will be paid to:

- | Equipment and its usage to ensure that it is safe and does not endanger health
- | The provision of safety arrangements for the handling, storage and movement of materials, equipment and substances
- | Supplying sufficient information, instructions, training and supervision to enable staff to avoid hazards and contribute positively to their own health and safety at work
- | Inspecting, on a regular basis, equipment such as lighting, passageways, fire alarms, fire escapes, fire extinguishers, first aid facilities and work practices, in order to ensure their efficiency and maintenance
- | Ensuring that staff and visitors are aware of emergency procedures, and that Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs), if required, are written and practised

4.9 Staff

Employees have duties under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and will:

- | Do everything they can to prevent injury to themselves, fellow staff and others affected by their actions or omissions at work
- | Follow company procedures, in particular, to report any incidents which have or may have led to injury or damage. To neglect this responsibility can lead to prosecution by the Health and Safety Executive
- | Inform their line manager of any work situation where there is a serious and/or immediate danger to staff and to identify any shortcomings in the health and safety arrangements for protecting staff and others
- | Report conflict between the demands of safety and their job and will raise the matter immediately with their supervisor
- | Check that work areas and equipment are safe prior to use, and use any work equipment in accordance with the training and instructions provided, bringing to the notice of managers any defective equipment which may cause an incident
- | Dress in line with the Appearance Policy and Procedure and appropriately for their working environment and their work activities
- | To follow the Lone Working Policy and report any personal safety concerns to aebal leisure
- | Ensure that they understand the system at aebal leisure for reporting incidents, accidents and other health and safety risks, and that they use these systems when necessary and to ensure that they read, understand and follow all appropriate health and safety policies, procedures and other documentation at aebal leisure, and attend scheduled training sessions

4.10 Health and Safety Poster

aebal leisure will display a Health and Safety Poster and ensure it is kept up to date. Service Director, as the Health and Safety Officer, will have their name clearly displayed.

4.11 First Aid

aebal leisure have undertaken an assessment of first aid needs and provided sufficient equipment and suitably trained personnel accordingly at aebal leisure.



5. Procedure

5.1 Risk and Hazard Management

- | Risk assessments will be carried out to evaluate and adequately control hazards, to ensure the health, safety and welfare of staff and others who may be affected by the work activities of aebal leisure
- | Risk assessments will be recorded on the appropriate aebal leisure document in accordance with the Risk Assessment Policy and Procedure at aebal leisure
- | Arrangements are in place for putting into practice the preventative and protective measures that follow on from the risk assessment
- | Risk assessments will be regularly monitored and reviewed to ensure they remain suitable and sufficient. They are updated in accordance with legislative and contractual requirements, standards and codes of practice
- | The outcomes of risk assessments will be readily available and communicated to staff. Staff receive instructions and training associated with the level of risk identified and the control measures taken to prevent or control risks
- | Service Users and employees are involved in the development of risk assessments and aebal leisure will seek their feedback and act on any concerns
- | Risk assessments in relation to Service Users will be kept in the Service User's home and staff informed of their location

5.2 Accident and Incident Reporting

- | In the event of an accident/incident, staff will ensure that a detailed entry of the event is recorded on an accident form and will notify their line manager who will subsequently determine, in conjunction with the Health and Safety Committee at aebal leisure, where appropriate, if notification is required under [The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations \(RIDDOR\) 2013](#)
- | Where an accident/incident has occurred, it is necessary to carry out a review of the risk assessment of the task being undertaken at the time, to ascertain if additional precautions, an alteration to the method of work or additional control measures are necessary. This must be written down and the conclusions clearly defined and acted upon
- | As a learning organisation, aebal leisure will use the information to prevent re-occurrences, where reasonably practicable
- | If an accident, incident or near miss involves a Service User, Nottingham City Council or Nottinghamshire County Council's Safeguarding Team will be informed as will the CQC. aebal leisure will be aware of their requirements in relation to the Duty of Candour.

5.3 Monitoring Compliance and Effectiveness

Line managers will undertake ongoing monitoring to ensure staff compliance with the policy, with observations for improvement passed to Gemma Toulson for review.

The policy document itself will be reviewed by Gemma Toulson and aebal leisure on an annual basis. The effectiveness of this policy will also be monitored by the Health and Safety Committee at aebal leisure. This review may include:

- | Audit
- | Risk assessment
- | Systematic inspections
- | Incident and accident statistics
- | Sickness and ill health statistics
- | Risk registers

Items identified as requiring significant amendment will be referred for authorisation before being actioned to aebal leisure who is responsible for health and safety on behalf of aebal leisure.

5.4 Health and Safety Policies and Procedures

aebal leisure will ensure that staff have access to the Health and Safety Policies at aebal leisure via the QCS system and are aware of the QCS mobile app as a way of accessing policies and procedures. These policies will be reviewed by Gemma Toulson to ensure they dovetail with both the procedures at aebal leisure and any local or contractual procedures.

Care Workers will be provided with a Staff Handbook when they start work with aebal leisure and all staff will undertake an induction which will include Health and Safety training, policies and procedures. aebal leisure will follow the Care Certificate standards for new care staff.



6. Definitions

6.1 Risk Assessment

- | A risk assessment identifies all significant risks associated with a company's operations through considering the likelihood and consequences of any harm that may occur as a result of contact with the hazard. A risk assessment also considers how this risk will be managed to reduce the risk of harm arising

6.2 Safe System of Work

- | This is a safe method of carrying out a task, a bit like a step by step guide to safe working practices. Not all tasks can eliminate harm completely. However, by having a safe system of work in place, the likelihood of harm is greatly reduced through various control measures

6.3 As Far as Reasonably Practicable

- | This refers to the degree of risk in a particular activity or environment which can be balanced against the time, trouble, cost and physical difficulty of taking measures to avoid the risk

6.4 Competent Person

- | A competent person is someone who has sufficient skills, knowledge and experience to complete the task

6.5 Hazard

- | A hazard is anything that has the potential to cause harm, e.g. chemicals, electricity, working from ladders, noise etc.



Key Facts - Professionals

Professionals providing this service should be aware of the following:

- | Managers are to ensure that staff have access to this document and training in the key areas which relate to their roles so that they can effectively implement this procedure through their work to ensure effective safe service delivery
- | Managers can find an overview of different safety systems across the health and social care sector in relation to their organisations and the measures it puts in place to manage this
- | Health and safety is everybody's responsibility and staff must escalate concerns to their line manager. Where concerns are not acted upon, staff must follow the Raising Concerns, Freedom to Speak Up and Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure at aebal leisure



Key Facts - People affected by the service

People affected by this service should be aware of the following:

- | You and your family have a right to be cared for by aebal leisure who has policies in place to support you



Further Reading

As well as the information in the 'underpinning knowledge' section of the review sheet we recommend that you add to your understanding in this policy area by considering the following materials:

NHS - National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness 2021:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/B0271-national-standards-of-healthcare-cleanliness-2021.pdf?msclkid=9952c9ddaac711ecb02bbaa028fc3816>

NHS - National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness 2021: Supporting Documents:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/national-standards-of-healthcare-cleanliness-2021-supporting-documents/>



Outstanding Practice

To be 'outstanding' in this policy area you could provide evidence that:

- 1 Having a robust health and safety management system in place brings focus to service provision. It provides structure and effective service delivery
- 1 Having an open line of communication between management and staff enables information to flow and the continual improvement of management systems which are fit for purpose. This system should be seen as a live document to ensure that it adapts to changing circumstances enabling it to be current and meaningful
- 1 The wide understanding of the policy is enabled by proactive use of the QCS App



Forms

The following forms are included as part of this policy:

Title of form	When would the form be used?	Created by
Health and Safety Policy Statement of Intent - HR02	When a signed health and safety statement is required	QCS
Health and Safety Policy Review and Approval Form - HR02	When written confirmation is required that the Health and Safety Policy and Procedure has been read and understood.	QCS

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aebal leisure as an employer, is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of its employees, so far as is reasonably practicable. We also fully accept our responsibility for other persons who may be affected by our activities and we will take steps to ensure that our statutory duties are met at all times. aebal leisure expects all staff, visitors, contractors and other employers who work at aebal leisure to share this commitment by complying with the policies and procedures at aebal leisure and to understand that they too have legal and moral obligations to themselves and to one another.

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- Providing access for staff to appropriate training and development to enable them to discharge competently the responsibilities assigned to them
- Having an effective system for communicating and consulting on health and safety matters and securing the co-operation of staff, Service Users and commissioners in implementing the Health and Safety Policy and Procedure
- To have in place arrangements to plan, implement, monitor and review measures to address risks arising from activities at aebal leisure
- To strive to improve continuously the health and safety performance of aebal leisure
- Appointing a competent person to support aebal leisure to meet our statutory duties

aebal leisure will undertake to continually review and develop our safety management systems, with the overarching aim of conducting our activities in a manner that does not affect the health and safety of any staff, contractors, visitors or members of the public.

The other members of aebal leisure and I are committed to this policy and to the implementation and maintenance of the highest standards of health, safety and welfare within aebal leisure. We expect every member of aebal leisure to share this commitment and to work together to achieve it.

This Policy statement will be reviewed at least annually.

Signature of Accountable Officer/aebal leisure

Printed Name:

Date:

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Health and Safety Policy Reviewed and Approved**Signature (Registered Provider):****Date:****Health and Safety Policy Received and Noted****Signature:****Name and Role:****Date:**