

Low Farm Therapy Centre

Legionella Policy

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Statement:

At Low Farm Therapy Centre we are committed to ensuring a safe environment for staff, children and visitors. We understand that there is a requirement under the health and safety at work act 1974 sections 2,3,4,& 6 and the control of substances hazardous to health regulations 6,7,8,9 & 12 to risk assess and control the water systems within the Centre to ensure that the risk of Legionnaires Disease is minimal to nil. In order to show compliance the Centre undertakes a full risk assessment of the site as suggested by the Approved Code of Practice (L8) 'Legionnaires disease'. The Centre instructs an externally approved company to carry this out every 1-2 years. The Centre also understands the need for there to be WRAS approved fittings within the water system.

Responsibilities:

The management of meeting the requirements stated above is with the Director of Operations. It is his responsibility to ensure that the centre complies with the requirements of the approved code and to carry out any findings from the legionella risk assessment. Should there be any serious breaches of the regulations and contamination this will be discussed at a Senior Management meeting so that a plan of action can take place. The caretaker will be responsible for ensuring all taps and shower heads are descaled under the supervision of the Director of Operations.

Contamination:

Should the presence of Legionella be found then the following procedure will occur:
The Head of Centre and Director of Operations will be informed.
Depending on the severity the Centre may have to be closed until the work is complete.
Then the system will be chlorinated and sterilized using an approved company.

Should anyone contract Legionella then RIDDOR may need to be informed.