

Legionella Management and Control Policy

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2.0	April 2011	Roger Davison	Policy updated in line with guidance – substantial changes made to policy throughout. Now includes guidance on flushing of outlets to prevent proliferation of Legionella within the water systems.
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4.0	June 2016	Kate Bergner, Head of Estate and Facilities	Scope updated, WSG membership updated.
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1. Purpose

To provide an unambiguous statement of water safety policy applicable to Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT) and to premises where patients of CPFT receive treatment or care, excluding a single private dwelling, or tenanted properties.

2. Policy Aims

This water safety policy aims to minimise the risk of legionella throughout all activities provided by, or on behalf of CPFT. Where legionella risk occurs, this policy aims to minimise the impact of such occurrence on life safety, the delivery of patient care, the environment and property.

3. Application

This policy applies wherever CPFT owes a duty of care to service users, staff or other individuals. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Water Safety Plan.

4. Facilitation

The Trust Board will:

- discharge its responsibilities as a provider of healthcare to ensure that suitable and sufficient governance arrangements are in place to manage legionella-related matters;
- provide appropriate levels of investment in the estate and personnel to facilitate the implementation of suitable water safety precautions;
- facilitate the development of partnership initiatives with stakeholders and other appropriate bodies in the provision of water safety where reasonably practicable.

5. Implementation

The Trust Board expects those tasked with managing aspects of water safety to:-

- diligently discharge their water safety responsibilities as befits their position;
- have in place a clearly defined management structure for the delivery, control and monitoring of water safety measures;
- have in place a programme for the assessment and review of legionella risks;
- develop and implement the Trust's Water Safety Plan to include
 - Roles and Responsibilities;
 - Water Safety Group and Governance arrangement;
 - Training Requirements;
 - Legionella Risk Assessments;
 - Schemes of control:
 - Incident Plan;
 - Flushing requirements;
 - Recording of information;
 - Monitoring and review

6. Links to Other Documents

Infection Control Policy

Health and Safety at Work Policy

Water Safety Plan