

Health & Safety Policy Statement

It is the policy of Aspris Children's Services to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of the young people and colleagues who may be affected by our activities and services. In order to achieve this, it is our policy to provide a healthy and safe environment, with safe equipment, systems of work and adequate information, instruction, training, and supervision, as required for this purpose. Aspris Children's Services is committed to providing adequate resources to ensure this policy is effectively implemented.

We are committed to achieving high quality services using professional and dedicated colleagues who understand and comply with their health and safety responsibilities. We are also committed to ensuring our health and safety standards are appropriate to the particular needs and vulnerabilities of all our young people and students.

Where we engage third party service providers on our premises, we will make sufficient enquiries to establish the competence of the provider to undertake the work safely and without risks to health. The health and safety performance of such providers are kept under review in order to ensure adequate standards are maintained.

We consult with colleagues on health and safety matters using staff representatives and meetings with a view to actively involving our colleagues in the effective implementation of the health and safety policies.

Where temporary or contract colleagues or volunteers are working with us on our premises we provide, through our due diligence and induction systems, the same environmental health and safety standards for them as we do for our own employees. We also establish that those colleagues have adequate training and instruction or are under appropriate supervision to ensure the health and safety of both themselves and others.

Where we acquire new businesses, Aspris Children's Services undertake a due diligence review prior to the proposed acquisition to establish what action needs to be taken to meet our required standards of health and safety and fire safety management and put in place recommendations and an action plan for implementation of those recommendations.

Where we enter into partnership agreements with other organisations to deliver services, or to undertake projects, we establish that there is adequate co-ordination of health and safety arrangements between the organisations. We also make reasonable enquiries to establish the competence of any potential partnership organisation, in cases where the nature of the activities involved can impact on the health and safety of our young people and students, colleagues and others who may be affected by the partnership activity or service.

The health and safety performance of Aspris Children's Services and this policy is reviewed annually by the Executive Team and at any other time when there are significant changes in Aspris Children's Services, or its activities.

The organisation and responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer and colleagues of Aspris Children's Services, for health and safety and the arrangements and standards to which Aspris Children's Services operates, are detailed in the Health & Safety Policy, Organisation and Arrangements.

Trevor Torrington, Aspris Children's Services Chief Executive Officer



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