

Risk Assessment

Area

Date 01.10.23

Assessment number HS/R1

Staff responsible Bursar / CIC

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Task H&S - General - Office & Clinic Administrative Reception

Risk Number	Risk Description	Effects/ Impact on	Existing controls	Risk Rating			Further action required/ action plan	By Whom	Date	Cross reference categories	Risk with Mitigation	Update
				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	Display screen assessment Eye Strain Repetative Strain Poor Posture Stress	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT ESO and Clinicians	Workstation Layout Breaks Lighting (additional lighting if required) Breaks WorkStation Layout Correct Seating Breaks Foot rests if required Work load allocation Sensitive Supervision	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)	Display screen assessment for new staff for academic year	Bur	Ongoing		Low	Ongoing training and for new staff
2	Copying/ Laminating Equipment injury	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT ESO and Clinicians	Key staff trained for trouble shooting and contact for maintenance service Maintenance Contract Machines Sited Appropriately Machine located with appropriate ventilation	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)		Bur	Ongoing		Low	
3	Electrical Shredders (mechanical and electrical parts)	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT ESO and Clinicians	Key staff trained for trouble shooting and contact for maintenance service Maintenance and repairs by qualified staff only	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)		Bur	Ongoing		Low	
4	<b>Miscellaneous hand tools</b> eg scissors stapler, and staple remover tacks Guillotine Mechanical binders	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT ESO and Clinicians	Ensure tools are suitable for the task Guards if required Transporting mechanical binder/ guillotine between floors (see manual Handling and lifting and carrying RAs)	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)		Bur	Ongoing		Low	
5	<b>Manual Handling</b> Post Filing and Storage Furniture and Equipment	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT ESO and Clinicians	Correct carrying and lifting technique to be used Provision of suitable carrying equipment	Low	Possible	Medium		Bur/PM	Ongoing		Low	Ongoing training and for new staff
6	<b>Fire</b> Electrical Materials, chemicals and solvents Smoking Evacuation	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT ESO and Clinicians	See General sheet RA 4 Ensure correct fusing of all appliances Proper storage and disposal of chemical solvents Appropriate signage- no smoking in building Identified Fire Marshall(s) and appropriate training in evacuation procedures	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)	Review PAT testing renewal date August 2024 Fire Evacuation (schedule 2 per year to be agreed at start of annual year)	Bur/PM	Ongoing		Low	Ongoing training and for new staff
7	<b>Working at Heights (General)</b>	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT ESO and Clinicians	See working at Hts RA2 - General considerations	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)		COM/Bursar	Ongoing	HS/RA2	Low	Ongoing training and for new staff

8	<b>Trip Hazards (General)</b>	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT ESO and Clinicians	See moving through the building RA 3 - Risk 2 (Triphazards)	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)		COM/Bursar	Ongoing	HS/RA2	Low	Ongoing training and for new staff
9	<b>Variable Height Space Admin office</b>	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT ESO	Height restrictions identified with signage eg by Admin photocopier	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)		COM/Bursar	Ongoing		Low	Ongoing training and for new staff
10	<b>Movement between floors (General)</b>	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT ESO and Clinicians	See moving through the building RA 3 - Risk 1 (General)	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)		COM/Bursar	Ongoing		Low	Ongoing training and for new staff
11	General Housekeeping	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT ESO and Clinicians	General housekeeping policies to be enforced to ensure minimum opportunity of danger of injury to staff, students and the public or damage to property, eg locking up protocol Awareness of others in the building (lone worker) Meet and greeting patients and guest sign in Reception presence/ door closure	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)		COM/Bursar	Ongoing		Low	Ongoing training and for new staff

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Task: H&S - General - Working at Height eg Office, student areas, library, kitchen

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				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	General considerations	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT, ESO & Clinicians Students (all people in the work/ teaching and training area)	Maintained and appropriate equipment provided in a central location- steps	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	
2	Falls- People	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT, ESO & Clinicians Students (all people in the work/ teaching and training area)	Maintained equipment with hand/ rail grip	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	
3	Falls- Materials	Admin Staff Receptionists SMT, ESO & Clinicians Students (all people in the work/ teaching and training area)	General layout- minimum storage of objects at height	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	

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Task: **H&S - General - Movement through the building**

Risk Number	Risk Description	Effects/ Impact on	Existing controls	Risk Rating			Further action required/ action plan	By Whom	Date	Cross reference categories	Risk with Mitigation	Update
				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	General considerations failure	All people using the building	General best practice when moving through the building guided by the general expected professional behaviours required in a clinical and office environment eg no running, guiding and supporting patients as required, provision of suitable location for work/ treatment, dependent on individual mobility	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)					Low	
2	<b><u>Trips/ Slips and Falls</u></b> eg carpet, cables, objects safety failures	All people in the general working area- including visitors/ patients	Cable covers Carpet joins secured Nosing on stairs	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)					Low	
3	<b><u>Carrying</u></b> Spills of liquids/ falling objects failures	Students and staff	General policy and practice in terms of cleaning up spills and broken objects- no drinks in clinic General staff awareness of carrying objects through the building (provision of carrying boxes and trays with sides for drinks (floor 1 & 2 staff only)	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)					Low	
4	<b><u>Negotiating stairs(failures)</u></b> General Carrying objects	Staff, students, patients and visitors. Staff and students	General use of treatment room use upstairs restricted- minimal use by appropriately mobility assessed patients Appropriate safety signs	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)					Low	
5	<b><u>Admin office (floor 2)</u></b> - general area safety rules & regulation failures	Staff, students and occasional visitors (maintenance staff)	General awareness of the steep stairs and restricted space in the stairweels which require extra care in negotiating , particularly when carrying objects Daily access is restricted to staff and students on a limited basis	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)					Low	

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Task:

**H&S General - Fire Risk and Management**

Risk Number	Risk Description	Effects/ Impact on	Existing controls	Risk Rating			Further action required/ action plan	By Whom	Date	Cross reference categories	Risk with Mitigation	Update
				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	<p><b>Fire from materials used or stored</b> Paper products and documentation</p> <p>Paper and package waste from Admin office and clinic (including student and reception areas)</p> <p>Stored chemicals including domestic, clinical (minimal) and general maintenance</p> <p>Poor housekeeping- accumulated litter and other combustible waste products</p>	Staff, students, patients and visitors at the premises	<p>Correct storage of paper products and documentation</p> <p>Routine clearance of litter and 3x weekly cleanig and disposal of waste contract for building</p> <p>Appropriate storage of chemicals (including domestic)</p> <p>3 x weekly cleaning schedule</p> <p>Regular review (annual) of documents to be removed to the lock-up or destroyed</p> <p><b>General</b></p> <p><b>Signage for fire exits and Assembly points</b></p> <p><b>Fire Marshalls</b></p> <p><b>Evacuation protocol and staff training</b></p> <p><b>Fire extinguishers- with maintenance contract</b></p>	High (4)	Possible (2)	High (8)					Low	
2	<p>Electrical equiptment and products used in their maintenance eg PCs, copiers, shredders, and equipment cleaning solvents</p>	Staff, students, patients and visitors at the premises	<p>New equiptment and screens (IT upgrade)</p> <p>PAT testing 2 year cycle- next one due August 2024</p> <p>Minimum and safe storage of chemicals including domestic</p>	High (4)	Possible (2)	High (8)					Low	Note PAT Testing due Aug 2024
3	Smoking on site	Staff, students, patients and visitors at the premises	Building- no smoking	High (4)	Low (1)	Medium (4)					Low	
4	No evacuation procedure	Staff, students, patients and visitors at the premises	<p>Identified fire marshall(s) and appropriate training in evacuation procedures.</p> <p>Twice yearly fire evacuations</p> <p>Fire evacuation dates scheduled at the start of the academic year</p>	High (4)	Possible (2)	High (8)					Low	
5	No general housekeeping rules	Staff and Students	<p>General</p> <p>All policies to be enforced to ensure the safety of all personnel in the building and reduce the likelihood of damage to the premises due to fire</p> <p><b>Signage for fire exits and assembly points</b></p> <p><b>Fire marshall(s)</b></p> <p><b>Evacuation protocol and staff training</b></p> <p><b>Fire extinguishers- with maintenance contract</b></p>	High (4)	Possible(2)	High (8)					Low	

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Task H&S - Student Staff & kitchen areas

Risk Number	Risk Description	Effects/ Impact on	Existing controls	Risk Rating			Further action required/ action plan	By Whom	Date	Cross reference categories	Risk with Mitigation	Update
				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	<b>Food and drink preparation area failings</b> Microwave Kettle Other equipment (sharp)	Staff and students	Equipment appropriately located or stored Maintenance of electrical equipment by trained electrical staff only Appropriate extinguishers/ fire precautions in place 2 year cycle of PAT testing- due August 2024	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	PAT Testing Aug 2024
2	<b>Other Electrical equipment maintenance &amp; use failures</b> Use Maintenance Location	Staff and students	Equipment appropriately located or stored Maintenance of electrical equipment by trained electrical staff only Appropriate extinguishers/ fire precautions in place 2 year cycle of PAT testing	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	PAT Testing Aug 2024
3	Storage associated failures	Staff and students	Provision of appropriate storage for equipment/ food and drink/ clothing Appropriate signage <b>cross reference to HS14</b>	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	
4	No general housekeeping rules	Staff and students	Enforcement of general housekeeping policies around waste disposal and cleanliness Regular 3 x weekly cleaning schedule of areas by contracted staff Cleaning schedule Feb 2021 + cleaning after every clinic and frequent washing down of touch points throughout the day.	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	

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Task	<b>H&amp;S - Managing the visiting public- including patients</b>
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				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	Meeting and greeting visitors at the door/ reception failure	Staff and students	Patients diary/ reception staff made aware of expected visitors Signing in book- Feb 2021 update: not currently being used due to covid restrictions. Closed door (main entrance) policy Receptionist present Till/ banking protocol	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	
2	Telephone/ electronic/ written communication failure	Staff and students	Protocol with lines of communication Electronic software with junk and spam blocks/ IT service contract	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	
3	No general housekeeping rules	Staff and students	General policies to be enforced by all supervisors including staff supervising students and their management of patients, to ensure that all entrants pose minimal risk to those working on the premises and minimal harm to the structure and contents of the building	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	

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Staff responsible: HoE /CDC&CIC

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**Task: H&S - Students treating patients or practising techniques each other in clinics & practical sessions**

Risk Number	Risk Description	Effects/ Impact on	Existing controls	Risk Rating			Further action required/ action plan	By Whom	Date	Cross reference categories	Risk with Mitigation	Update
				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	Injury due to poor handling or incorrect technique	Students and clinicians patients/ public	Students/ staff responsibility to declare and update college on existing health concerns Fitness to practice regulations Qualified and registered clinicians supervising and training Clinic induction Clinic practical log books      Protocols	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	Protocol updates completed Oct annually
2	Interaction with individuals who pose a risk to the public or in a vulnerable position	Students and clinicians patients/ public	DBS check on all students Professional and skilled clinicians on site (Gosc registered) Reception and booking procedure	High (4)	Possible (2)	High (8)					Low	
3	Cross contamination infection or bacterial / viral infection	Students and clinicians patients/ public	Clinic laundry and hygiene protocol- enforced (Feb 2021 no laundry) Disposable towels provided from Aug 2022. Plinths are wiped down Anti-bacterial hand gel dispensers filled with 70%+ alcohol based hand sanitiser Clinic logbook & induction guide/ fitness to practise	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	
4	Movement and use of hydraulic plinths or foldable couches eg back strain, trapped fingers	Students and clinicians patients/ public	Manual handling awareness/ training Plinth maintenance yearly (formally), weekly issues to be reported to administrator/ PMs First Aiders First Aid Boxes	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	



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Staff responsible: P/Bursar

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Task: **H & S Lone worker (see RA1 also)**

Risk Number	Risk Description	Effects/ Impact on	Existing controls	Risk Rating			Further action required/ action plan	By Whom	Date	Cross reference categories	Risk with Mitigation	Update
				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	Main street doors left open	Admin staff Receptionists SMT, ESO & Clinicians and students	General House Keeping policies exist eg Receptionist/ door opening on electronic release Protocol to accompany visitors off the premises and close the door (New staff and student induction)	High (4)	Possible (2)	High (8)					Low	
2	Staff locked in the building	Admin staff Receptionists SMT, ESO & Clinicians and students	For example, locking up protocol (All students and staff are required to carry this out every night and inform relevant section (clinic/ admin) when the last person is leaving from their section) (New staff and student induction)	High (4)	Possible (2)	High (8)					Low	
3	Staff unaware everyone else has left	Admin staff Receptionists SMT, ESO & Clinicians and students	For example, locking up protocol (All students and staff are required to carry this out every night and inform relevant section (clinic/ admin) when the last person is leaving from their section) (New staff and student induction)	High (4)	Possible (2)	High (8)					Low	
4	Visitor remain in building after closing	Admin staff Receptionists SMT, ESO & Clinicians and students	Patients and guests sign in and out (visitor/ patient bokings record- Update Feb 2021 not currently being used due to covid restrictions.) Patients and guests are escorted off the building New staff and student induction)	High (4)	unlikely (1)	Medium (4)					Low	

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Task H&S - First Aid needs

Risk Number	Risk Description	Effects/ Impact on	Existing controls	Risk Rating			Further action required/ action plan	By Whom	Date	Cross reference categories	Risk with Mitigation	Update
				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	Emergency First Aid not available eg resuscitation	All staff, students general public and visitors to the college	All clinicians are first aid trained- always 1 x first aider per day in clinic. Receptionist is first aid trained Most staff who are osteopaths are first aid trained	High (4)	Possible (2)	High (8)					Low	
2	Emergency First Aid not available eg resuscitation at weekends when not on college site	Staff and students	Weekend Administrator for the College is first aid trained University site staff- fist aid trained as must adhere to general H & S regulations	High (4)	Possible (2)	High (8)	Inform staff and students via Blackboard of Weekend First Aiders/ location (annually)	Weekend Admin	Annually		Low	

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Task H&S - Practical work by students - Teaching weekends

Risk Number	Risk Description	Effects/ Impact on	Existing controls	Risk Rating			Further action required/ action plan	By Whom	Date	Cross reference categories	Risk with Mitigation	Update
				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	Injury due to poor handling or technique	Students and Teachers	All students are advised at the start of each year of their responsibility to declare and update health issues that might impact on teaching or learning. Students complete a Fitness to Practice consent form which covers aspects of working on eachother and volunteering to be a model for practical sessions. The programme and university regulations on Fitness to Practice are referred to in the Award Handbook. Osteopathy lecturers are qualified practitioners. Safe procedures and awareness of contraindications is taught at the appropriate time as part of the programme	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	
2	Cross contamination, infection, or viral/ bacterial infection	Students and Teachers	Students and staff are subject to protocols relevant for each location. (Protocols reflective of any global, national or local event. College Risk Assessments in line with professional practice and Public Health Engand and the Government.)	Medium (3)	Possible (2)	Medium (6)					Low	

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Task H&S - Movment of plinths for teaching weekends

Risk Number	Risk Description	Effects/ Impact on	Existing controls	Risk Rating			Further action required/ action plan	By Whom	Date	Cross reference categories	Risk with Mitigation	Update
				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	Risk of Injury eg back strain due to poor handling/incorrect technique	Staff and Students	Safe use of plinths is taught from Y1 in the teaching clinic. Student groups and the numbers of couches being moved at any one time are usually in single figures. The plinths and couches will be subject to the University H&S maintenance procedure(s), or annually reviewed and maintained by the college (L) Lecturers will warn students about safe handling of couches and will demonstrate best practice. First aid boxes available on site for minor injuries. Maintenance staff are available to resolve any other issues following university/ site procedures Consider document re safe manual handling technique for moving portable and hydraulic couches and include in appendices	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)					Low	
2	Risk of finger entrapment in folding couches or in hinges	Staff and Students	First aid boxes available on site for minor injuries. Maintenance staff are available to resolve any other issues following university/ site procedures Consider document re safe manual handling technique for moving portable and hydraulic couches and include in appendices	Low (2)	Possible (2)	Medium (4)					Low	

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Task H&S -Management of Pins(sharps) at Teaching weekends

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				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	Accidental finger prick (note, due to the design of the pin used, there is very little chance of anyone being able to pierce the skin)  Uncapped pins left in the classroom; next user or cleaner may be pricked	Students, teachers, cleaners and technicians	Lecturers that include diagnostic testing will be allocated to rooms that have sharps disposal facilities and appropriate floor covering. Lecturers will give clear instructions to students about safe use of neurological pins at the start of the session. The type of pin generally used is a Jacobs pin that has an annular surface around the sharp end that substantially eliminates the risk of piercing a 'patient's' skin during normal use. Neurological pins will be disposed of immediately (uncapped) in the available shaprs bin. First aid boxes are available and footwear must be worn at all times when not on the couch. Should an injury occur an accident form will be completed.	Very Low (1)	Possible (2)	Low (2)					Low	

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Task: H&S - General teaching within the classrooms / lecture theatres and labs for weekend lectures (FIRE/EMERGENCY)

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				Impact (I)	Likelihood (L)	Rating						
1	Fire safety failure	Students and teachers	All teachers to be aware of fire evacuation procedures including location of fire exits, break glasses, and fire assembly points. Teachers are responsible for the evacuation of their students via the nearest fire exit. Students to be made aware of the above at the induction. Fire orders in each room. Fire exits and corridors to remain free from obstructions. Room capacity not to be exceeded	High (4)	Possible (2)	High (8)					Low	