

ACORN RISK ASSESSMENT

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Person assessed (if any):	Clients/staff members	Date:	14/10/20	Job Number:	N/A

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Preventing the spread of COVID-19	Employee being exposed to the virus and spreading it further	3	3	9	Staff and their families.	<p>There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if handwashing facilities are not available - this is particularly important after taking public transport. Guidance is available on hand washing covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See Catch It, Bin It, Kill It If any staff member or members of their house hold are displaying any COVID-19 related symptoms they should inform their line manager and not come into work. Symptoms include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cough or sore throat Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Fever Repeated shaking with chills Muscle pain 	5

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New loss of taste or smell • Headache. <p>employees should wash their hands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ before leaving home ○ on arrival at work ○ after using the toilet ○ after breaks and sporting activities ○ before food preparation ○ before eating any food, including snacks ○ before leaving work ○ on arrival at home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands • if staff are worried about their symptoms or those of a family member or 		

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					<p>colleague, please call NHS 111. They should not go to their GP or other healthcare environment</p> <p>To enable the continuation of services staff should follow all guidance on working safely https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing.</p> <p>Where a safe 2 meter distance can not be kept staff have been provided with PPE. All staff have confirmed that PPE training has been completed and understood.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-how-to-work-safely-in-care-homes/covid-19-putting-on-and-removing-ppe-a-guide-for-care-homes-video</p> <p>New government announcement with guidance on how to stay safe – https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKewjXiK-55-rrAhUIZMAKHR5RDEoQz8gCMAF6BAGDEB0&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-what-has-changed-9-september&usg=AOvVaw2RjHHjfSks4fDVn5lSk3Co</p>		

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					<p><u>Whole house testing scheme.</u></p> <p>All staff to be tested on a weekly basis under government whole house testing scheme. For more info please see https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwi95-6g5errAhWRoFwKHW6_DS4QFjABegQIBhAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2Fwhole-home-testing-rolled-out-to-all-care-homes-in-england&usg=AOvVaw3s6loUCOsGxtSOXAOQq2rU</p> <p>On Monday 12th October the Government announced the introduction of COVID alert levels. It is important that staff understand the alert levels for their service locality and promote the control measures (unless exempt) for teams and service users; alert levels may activities such as weekend plans. Client visits home.</p> <p>Service managers will check local area levels on a regular basis for clarity on the covid alert level for their service area. https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions</p> <p>For more information and guidance what alert levels mean please see link below.</p>		

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						https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know#what-local-covid-alert-levels-mean	

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Preventing the spread of COVID-19	Resident being exposed to the virus and spreading it further	3	3	9	Clients/Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All clients to be tested every 4 weeks under whole house testing scheme https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwi95-6g5errAhWRoFwKHW6_DS4QFjABegQIBhAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2Fwhole-home-testing-rolled-out-to-all-care-homes-in-england&usg=AOvVaw3s6loUCOsGxtSOXAOQq2rU - - Restrict visitors to the project – staff to ensure social distancing is being practiced. - Family member visits to take place away from Acorn’s property’s or in the gardens with safe distance in place. - Any assessments to take place via telephone only - Revised assessment for admissions which includes questions around recent visits to affected country’s – contact with others that have visited affected country’s, questions about current physical any flu like symptoms. - Ensure adequate supplies of basic food e.g. milk, cereal, tea, coffee, tins of food and long life packets – stock freezers up. - Deep cleaning of communal areas - Working practices – ability to manage with limited staff, staff meeting to plan for next steps. 	5

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure petty cash and debit cards are topped up - Clients not to attend fellowship meetings – book study meetings to take place in house. 	
Service shut down to contain the situation	Employees unable to attend work or residents having to self isolate.	2	4	8	Staff/clients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Group work to be suspended – plan for individual activities if appropriate - Any weekend plans only to go ahead in line with latest government guidance. - No visitors at inside the property's. - Any planned appointments for clients to be rearranged or conducted via telephone where possible. - Any planned visits with care managers or family's to be rearranged or arranged via telephone. - Staff rota to be implemented 	4

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any staff that can work from home to do so. - Staff to ensure clients have appropriate activities to ensure wellbeing alongside work given by counsellors. 	

Providing the recommendations are followed and the training and instructions provided then the risks can be reduced to acceptable levels.

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PPE REQUIRED FOR TASK (tick/complete as appropriate – Refer to Control Measures over page making specific)



Hard Hat		Ear Protection		Welding Helmet	
Safety Footwear		Goggles		Respirator (Type)	(minimum FFP2)
High Vis Vest		Overalls		Gloves (enter type)	Latex
Gas Welding Goggles		Safety Spectacles	X	Other (specify type)	Face Mask Apron.

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Col (A) - Likelihood of Injury or Hazard	Col (B) - Severity of Injury or Hazard	Who Could Be Affected
1. Improbable - (Extremely Unlikely To Occur)	1. Minor (No First Aid Required)	Operators
2. Remote (Small Chance Of Occurring)	2. Harmful (Minor First Aid Required)	Maintenance / Quality
3. Occasional (Could Occur Sometime)	3. Critical (Serious Fractures, Burns, L.T.A.)	Contractors
4. Probable (Unsurprised If It Happened)	4. Severe (Amputations, Loss Of Eyesight)	Visitors
5. Frequent (Almost Certain To Happen)	5. Catastrophic (Fatality, Explosions Etc)	Special Cases (Pregnant Worker/Young People Under 18)



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