Date of assessment: 27/04/2020

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul> <li>Employees</li> <li>Visitors</li> <li>Third part contractors</li> <li>Drivers</li> <li>Vulnerable groups: Elderly, Pregnant workers, those</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drying of hands with disposable paper towels.</li> <li>Staff encouraged to protect the skin by applying emollient cream regularly.</li> <li>Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities not readily available</li> </ul>	Employees to be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with water and soap and the importance of proper drying with disposable towels. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – Follow Catch it, Bin it, kill it and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Tissues will be made available throughout the workplace.  Encourage staff to report any problems and carry out skin checks as part of the occupational health programme	
	with existing underlying health conditions.  • Anyone else who physically comes in contact with you in relation to your role		To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) public health advice notices, Posters, leaflets and other materials are. displayed- reminding everyone of the requirements	
		Cleaning Objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, toilets and light switches are frequently cleaned and sanitised using appropriate cleaning	Where practical, non-fire or security critical doors will be held open to avoid the use of handles	

products and methods.

#### **Social Distancing**

Social Distancing -Reducing the number of persons in any work area to comply with the 2-metre (6.5 foot) gap recommended by the Public Health England

Steps have been taken to review work schedules including start & finish times/break patterns, working from home etc. to reduce number of workers on site at any one time. Also relocating workers to other tasks.

Redesigning processes to ensure social distancing in place.

MS Teams to be used instead of face to face meetings.

Ensuring sufficient rest and hygiene breaks for staff.

Social distancing also to be adhered to in canteen area and smoking area.

Site visits by non-employees restricted to essential facilities maintenance

Where the social distancing guidelines cannot be followed in full, in relation to a particular activity such as maintenance, all the mitigating actions possible to reduce the risk of transmission between employees will be taken

### Further mitigating actions include:

- Increasing the frequency of handwashing/sanitisation and surface cleaning
- Keeping the activity time involved as short as possible

Rigorous checks will be carried out by line managers to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed.

Staff to be reminded on a daily basis of the importance of social distancing both in the workplace and outside of it.

Management checks to ensure this is adhered to.

- Using back-to-back or side-to-side working (rather than face-to-face) whenever possible
- Reducing the number of people each person has contact with by using 'fixed teams or partnering' (so each person works with only a few others)

#### PPE

Public Health guidance on the use of PPE (personal protective equipment) to protect against COVID-19 relates to health care settings. In all other settings individuals are asked to observe social distancing measures and practice good hand hygiene behaviours

Where RPE is a requirement for risks associated with the work undertaken the following measures will be followed-

Tight-fitting respirators (such as disposable FFP3 masks and reusable half masks) rely on having a good seal with the wearer's face. A face fit test will be carried out to ensure the respiratory protective equipment (RPE) can protect the wearer. Wearers must be clean shaven.

### Symptoms of Covid-19

If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature in the workplace, they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance.

Line managers will maintain regular contact with staff members during this time.

If advised that a member of staff or public has developed Covid-19 and were recently on our premises (including where a member of staff has visited other work place premises such as domestic premises), the management team of the workplace Those being fit tested with non-disposable masks should clean the mask themselves before and immediately after the test using a suitable disinfectant cleaning wipe (check with manufacturer to avoid damaging the mask).

Test face pieces that cannot be adequately disinfected (e.g. disposable half masks) should not be used by more than one individual. Fit testers should wear disposable gloves when undertaking cleaning of the tubes, hoods etc. and ensure they remove gloves following the correct procedure (PDF)

Reference https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/face-mask-ppe-rpecoronavirus.htm

Face coverings (nose and mouth are available on request to all operatives.

Internal communication channels and cascading of messages through line managers will be carried out regularly to reassure and support employees in a fast-changing situation.

Line managers will offer support to staff who are affected by Coronavirus or has a family member affected.

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	will contact the relevant Authority to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken.	
	<u>Drivers</u> Procedures in place for Drivers to ensure adequate welfare facilities available during their work	Communicate with companies we deliver to, to ensure welf will be available to our drivers. Allowing delivery drivers add breaks to avail of proper welfare facilities.
	Persons should not share vehicles or cabs, where suitable distancing cannot be achieved.	

## **Mental Health**

Management will promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to staff during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support they can to help

Reference -

https://www.mind.org.uk/informationsupport/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/ www.hseni.gov.uk/stress

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Regular communication of mental health information and employee assistance programme available to those that need support, in particularly those working remotely.