**Risk Assessment**

**COVID 19 – updated January 2022- changes to PCR testing and self isolation periods**

| **What are the hazards?** | **Who might be harmed** | **Controls Required** | **Additional Controls** | Action by who? | Action by when? |
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| Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus | * **Staff** * **Visitors** * **Cleaners** * **Contractors** * **Drivers** * **Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions** * **Anyone else who physically comes in contact in relation to the college**   **Daily Temperature Checks** | **Hand Washing**   * Hand washing facilities with soap and water to continue as best practise. * Stringent hand washing to continue as best practice. * See hand washing guidance. * [How to wash your hands](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/) * Drying of hands with disposable paper towels. * [Paper towels ‘much more effective’ at removing viruses than hand dryers](https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/research-and-innovation/paper-towels-much-more-effective-at-removing-viruses-than-hand-dryers-17-04-2020/) * Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities not readily available   Temperature checks of all staff, learners and visitors will be taken and recorded before entry into college can be granted.  **Cleaning**  Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, reception area using appropriate cleaning products and methods.  **Wearing of Gloves**  Where Risk Assessment identifies wearing of gloves as a requirement of the job, an adequate supply of these will be provided. Staff will be instructed on how to remove gloves carefully to reduce contamination and how to dispose of them safely.  **Asymptomatic testing**  All staff and visitors including therapists will be asked to take a voluntary Lateral Flow Covid test twice weekly before they can undertake any work in the college.  **Symptoms of Covid-19**  If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough,sore throat or a high temperature they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance and take a LFD test.  If the test result is positive, a self isolation period of 7 days will apply from the date of exposure. A further LFD test should be taken on day 6 and day 7 of the isolation period. If both tests are negative, the isolation period ends.  Non vaccinated staff who have been in close contact with anyone confirmed positive with Covid 19 will also obtain a LFD test but self isolate for10 days | Receptionist to undertake regular stock checks and advise when replenishment stocks are needed.  PPE Compulsory for all learner intimate care tasks  Visitors and Therapists will be kept in a holding area until test results are available (normally within 30 minutes | All Staff  All Staff  All Staff  All Staff  All Staff  All Staff  College Administrator and cleaning contractor  All Staff  All staff  All staff | Continuing  Continuing  Continuing  Continuing  Continuing  Continuing  Continuing  Continuing  Continuing  Continuing |

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