

Health and Safety Policy

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1. Introduction

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (L&SC ICB) is fully committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of its entire staff. The ICB board will provide the leadership to ensure that exemplary Health and Safety practices are firmly embedded throughout the organisation to provide a secure and healthy environment in which to work.

The ICB will be kept informed and alert to Health and Safety issues and appoints the Chief Executive to co-ordinate matters of Health and Safety management. The Chief Executive has delegated this responsibility to the Chief Finance Officer. This role does not detract from the responsibilities of the ICB and other Executives for specific areas of Health and Safety management.

In compliance with Health and Safety legislation as it applies, this is a statement of the Health and Safety Policy of the ICB and the arrangements for its implementation. The policy itemises not only the duties of the ICB to protect the health, safety and welfare of its staff, but also the legal obligations that these acts place upon every member of staff whilst at work.

There is an obligation upon every line manager to ensure that staff are informed and instructed with regards to Health and Safety training, instruction and that such activities are properly recorded, and records maintained.

As an employee of the ICB, you are to attend all required Health and Safety training relevant to you and to read this policy document and its arrangements carefully and raise any queries that you may have with your line manager.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Agile Working Guidance.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all employees of the ICB including bank, locum and agency and sub-contracted staff. Managers at all levels are expected to take an active lead to ensure that Health and Safety and systems of internal control are of the highest standard and integral to the operation of the organisation.

The ICB will ensure that adequate resources are provided to meet legal Health and Safety standards and provide sufficient information, instruction and training to enable employees, independent contractors, bank, agency and locum staff to carry out their work safely.

For the purposes of this policy and its associated policies and procedures listed on the front page of this document, any reference to health and safety in the context of the 'workplace', 'ICB offices', 'main sites, bases or touchdown spaces', 'headquarters' or 'County Hall' applies to the following buildings:

County Hall	Health Innovation Centre	Alfred Barrow Health Centre, Barrow
Bickerstaffe House, Blackpool	Duke Street, Blackburn	Hants Lane Clinic, Ormskirk
PALS Primary Health Care Centre, Accrington	South Lakeland House, Kendall	Yarnspinners Primary Health Care Centre, Nelson

3. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- a. ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of ICB staff;
- b. ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of other persons. for example, contractors, visitors, general public who may be affected by ICB's activities including travelling on ICB business and at non-NHS sites;
- c. satisfy the requirements of the relevant regulations as they apply, and any other associated, relevant regulations;
- d. To supplement and enhance associated, and appropriate internal policies.

4. Strategic context

The ICB attaches great importance to the Health and Safety of its staff, and recognises its legal obligations under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its staff, so far as is reasonably practicable. The ICB also accepts such responsibility for other persons who may be affected by its activities whilst on any site.

The ICB aims to design and implement services, policies and measures that are fair and equitable. As part of its development, this policy and its impact on staff, service users and the public have been reviewed in line with ICB's Legal Equality Duties. The purpose of the assessment is to improve service delivery by minimising and if possible, removing any disproportionate adverse impact on employees, service users and the public on the grounds of race, socially excluded groups, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/ belief.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

5.1 The ICB Board

The Integrated Care Board is responsible for the organisation's system for internal control, including Health and Safety management. The Chief Executive is designated with overall responsibility for ensuring the implementation of external assurances covering health and safety and reporting to the Board. This function forms part of the role of the Chief Executive, who delegates some of these responsibilities to members of the executive and senior management team. The ICB ensures that Health and Safety Performance Indicators are set and monitored.

5.2 The Chief Executive

The Chief Executive has overall accountability and responsibility for all matters involving health, safety, welfare and fire appertaining to the ICB. It is also the responsibility of all Managers, to manage Health and Safety issues, within their functional areas. The Chief Executive also has responsibility for:

- Ensuring that adequate resources are available to implement the Health and Safety Policy;
- Ensuring that Health and Safety performance is regularly reviewed at Board Level.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the Health and Safety Policy;

- Ensuring that this policy is reviewed by a competent person at least every three years.

5.3 The Head of Risk, Assurance and Delivery

The Head of Risk, Assurance and Delivery has been nominated as the person responsible for the overall co-ordination and monitoring of the implementation of this policy in the ICB. Particular responsibilities include ensuring:

- Reviewing the implementation of the Health and Safety Policy;
- Demonstrating commitment to the promotion of Health and Safety within the ICB;
- Ensure sufficient resources are allocated to implement the Health and Safety Policy and procedures;
- Ensuring that mandatory training for all employees is provided and that adequate resources are available to meet those training needs.

5.4 Executive and Senior Leadership Team

Executives and Senior Managers will support the Chief Executive and carry direct responsibility for the implementation of Health and Safety related policies within their areas of control. They will do all that is reasonably practicable to establish and maintain high standards of health, safety and welfare in their areas of control.

5.5 Line managers

Line managers are responsible for ensuring their staff receive all necessary Health and Safety training, instruction and information and that, such activities are properly recorded, and records maintained, and must:

- organise the department, section or workplace so that operations or work carried out is to a satisfactory standard of safety, resulting in minimal risk to people, equipment and materials;
- plan and maintain good housekeeping;
- ensure that when staff are working from home, they receive regular contacts to check their welfare and review their agile working assessment with them regularly
- make sure the control measures in place are at all times operable and not interfered with and that personal protective clothing, where appropriate, is available and is used;
- co-operate with safety advisors as necessary;
- review operating and work instructions and specific related hazards to staff transferred into the department and/or new staff;
- ensure all accidents are reported to the relevant person so that they may be recorded;
- ensure all staff are aware of Health and Safety procedures;
- and encourage the good behaviours required by staff by setting a good example with respect to Health and Safety.

5.6 Staff duties and responsibilities

All staff whilst at work have a legal duty to take reasonable care for the Health and Safety of themselves and others who may be affected by their acts or omissions. Staff must also co-operate fully with the arrangements made by management to meet its legal responsibilities for Health and Safety as in Section 7 of HASAWA 1974.

Staff have a responsibility for bringing to the immediate attention of their manager any failings that could be detrimental to themselves and others, including visitors.

Specific responsibilities of staff are to:

- comply with local fire procedures;
- comply with local first aid procedures;
- not attempt to repair any item of electrical equipment (unless properly authorised to do so) but to report it to their manager;
- not to bring personal mains electrical equipment into work;
- report to the ICB, any obstructions to any walkways, entrances and exit areas and avoid creating such obstacles;
- not to move any equipment for which they have not been trained, without first seeking the advice of an appropriately trained person;
- report any building and/or equipment defects and/or shortfalls in cleanliness to the local competent person;
- and set a good personal example with respect to Health and Safety.

5.7 Competent Person

The ICB will ensure it employs, directly or indirectly, one or more 'competent persons', as described in the regulation 7 of the Managing of Health and Safety at Work Regulation 1999. And will make arrangements for ensuring adequate co-operation between them.

This expertise is currently provided by Midlands and Lancashire CSU.

6. Health and Safety Consultation

If the policy is to be effective, it must secure the commitment of all ICB staff. This will be achieved by active employee involvement and participation in the arrangements for managing Health and Safety and by developing and maintaining awareness among employees at all levels. For this reason, Managers will consult their staff, involve them in developing Health and Safety arrangements, communicate information and provide relevant instruction and training.

7. General Arrangements for Health and Safety

The ICB has the following policies and procedures in place in order to comply with the various specific statutory obligations or particular hazards, applicable to its work activities.

7.1 Risk Assessments

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 make more explicit the general duties placed on the ICB under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. In order to meet with the regulatory requirements, the ICB will ensure:

- Risk assessments are carried out in order to evaluate and adequately control hazards, so to ensure the health, safety and welfare of employees, and others who may be affected by work activities of the ICB;
- Risk assessments are recorded in writing, on the appropriate form, in accordance with the ICB Integrated Risk Management Policy;
- Arrangements will be made for putting into practice the preventative and protective measures that follow from the risk assessment;
- Risk assessments will be regularly monitored and reviewed to ensure they remain 'live' documents. They will be updated in accordance with legislative

- requirements, Standards, Codes of Practice etc.;
- The outcomes of risk assessments will be readily available and communicated to staff. Staff will receive instructions and/or training associated with the level of risk identified and the control measures taken to prevent or control risks;

Safety training will be provided in safe systems of work and relevant training will be given to employees when:

- They commence employment with the ICB;
- Duties and tasks are allocated to them;
- They change job role or are given increased responsibility;
- There are changes in work methods/practice, equipment, legislation or guidance.

Full co-operation will be given where work areas are shared to ensure the exchange of necessary Health and Safety information. Joint consultation will be actively encouraged on all Health and Safety risk management issues.

The ICB is committed to providing a safe system of work and safe working environment. It will provide the means and methods for removing or minimising any risks associated with any hazardous activities, or hazardous environments.

7.2 The Workplace

The ICB is committed to providing a safe and healthy working environment and this extends to the design, management and maintenance of the premises we occupy, or have responsibility for. The ICB will ensure that:

- Access to, and egress from the workplace remains safe, taking into account the condition of floors, walkways, and levels of lighting;
- Suitable and sufficient heating, ventilation and lighting is provided and maintained. Systems will be put into place to control other environmental factors including humidity and noise;
- Adequate welfare facilities are provided;
- Premises are inspected and kept in good repair and well maintained;
- Emergency procedures and business continuity plans are in place and communicated to all concerned.

7.3 Occupational Health

7.3.1 Alcohol / Drugs

The misuse of alcohol and drugs can lead to reduced productivity, taking time off work, serious ill health and accidents at work. Misuse of illegal drugs is a criminal offence.

7.3.2 Display Screen Equipment

All staff who are dependent on the daily and prolonged use of Display Screen Equipment (DSE) are classed as "essential users", and the ICB will ensure that risk assessments are carried out annually (or whenever circumstances change) to identify any workstation hazards and risks that an essential user may be exposed to.

The three principal risks relate to:

- Musculoskeletal disorders (upper limb disorders);
- Visual Fatigue;

- Mental Fatigue.

Risk assessments will cover the whole working environment including IT equipment, workstations, work patterns, and lighting.

All essential users will be provided with suitable and sufficient training in how to correctly set up and maintain their workstation.

Further information and guidance can be found in the Display Screen Equipment Policy.

7.3.3 Eyesight Tests

Staff expected to use DSE as the main element of their day-to-day work should be encouraged to have an eye and eyesight test. It is recommended that staff have an eye test every two years unless advised by an Optometrist.

A number of opticians now provide free-of-charge eye tests; therefore, when booking an eye test, ICB staff are requested to attend where possible an optician where the eye test is provided free-of-charge in order to avoid this cost being charged to the NHS.

If staff are not eligible for a free eye test, they can contact Lscicb.hr@nhs.net for a Specsavers eyecare e-voucher, this includes a full eye test and a £50 pair of complete glasses or £50 towards glasses if your need is for specific VDU (visual display unit) use.

7.3.4 Work Related Stress

Stress is a natural response to excess pressure or demands. If managed correctly pressure can be a positive thing, however if the pressure is perceived as excessive, then this can lead to stress, which can be detrimental to health and productivity.

A person's ability to cope with stress will depend on their personality, perceptions, life skills, training, support, knowledge and past experiences. It follows, therefore, that a situation which is stressful to one person may not be stressful to another, and a situation which is stressful to you today, may not be so tomorrow.

Whilst being a difficult area to manage, the ICB has a duty to manage Stress, in line with all other Occupational Health and Safety issues.

Further guidance and information can be found in the Mental Wellbeing and Resilience Policy.

7.3.5 Smoking

Second hand smoke is both a public and workplace hazard. The ICB seek to guarantee the right of all to breathe air free of tobacco smoke and to comply with smoke-free legislation and all smoking is prohibited within all ICB premises.

All ICB employees are prohibited from smoking in any vehicle that is used for on or for ICB business.

Adequate signage will be displayed to inform employees and visitors of the smoke-free status of the ICB.

7.3.6 Working Time Regulations

Managers must ensure that they and their staff are aware of the limits on working time and entitlements provided for in the Working Time Regulations 1998 (as amended). HR can advise further, and the link below gives HSE guidance on the issue.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/contact/faqs/workingtimedirective.htm>

7.4 Security

7.4.1 Premises security

Appropriate security measures will be in place at each ICB site, and these will be actively monitored and reviewed to ensure the safety of staff, visitors, equipment and plant.

Arrangements will be made for the provision of key holders and suitable training and information will be provided where necessary. See the Security Management Policy.

Where partner organisation sites are used for ICB working activities the premises security policies and protocols of those partner organisations will be adopted where relevant.

7.4.2 Violence/Bullying and Harassment

Everyone has a duty to behave in an acceptable and appropriate manner. Staff have a right to work in an environment that is properly safe and secure.

The ICB as an employer is under a legal obligation of a duty of care to provide both a safe place and safe system of work. Consequently, this issue is included in the Grievance policy. Any violence, bullying and/or harassment of ICB staff that is reported will be investigated in order to comply with this duty of care.

7.4.3 Lone Working

Some of the ICB's employees may find themselves as a Lone Worker at times. The ICB recognises the importance of these employees being afforded as safe a working environment as is reasonably practicable.

7.4.4 Definition

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) defines lone working as: 'those who work by themselves without direct or close supervision' and requires that a risk assessment is undertaken for all of these staff)

Lone workers, generally come into two categories:

- Staff who through flexible working arrangements start work earlier or finish work later than what is generally regarded as normal office working hours (0830 – 17.00hrs);

- Staff who travel between sites in order to attend meetings.

The ICB will ensure that Managers of lone workers carry out the following:

- Undertake a suitable and sufficient risk assessment of the hazards to which the lone worker may be exposed;
- Put control measures in place to reduce the risk, and;
- Monitor the effectiveness of the control measures applied.

7.5 Work Equipment

7.5.1 General

The ICB will maintain all work equipment in a safe working condition and ensure that the correct equipment is provided and used. Managers will ensure the correct equipment is used at all times, that it is properly maintained, and that no item of equipment is misused. Persons required to use the equipment will receive any necessary training, instruction and supervision.

The correct operating and safety instructions must be followed at all times. If an item of equipment is suspected of being defective, it should not be used until it has been thoroughly checked and approved for use by a competent person.

7.5.2 Portable Appliances and Electrical Safety

All portable electrical appliances will be tested in accordance with the requirements of current HSE guidance. All portable electrical equipment should be given a visual inspection for damage to the casing and wiring before being used.

The ICB will liaise with suitable contractors to ensure that the fixed wired electrical installation system is tested in accordance with the Institute of Electrical Engineers (IEE) Wiring Regulations and / or Department of Health Technical publications. Testing and examination of the electrical installation will be the responsibility of the building landlord and they will need to provide the necessary assurances to the ICB Board.

Further guidance on portable appliances and Electrical Safety can be found in the Office/ Workplace Safety procedure and Agile Working Guidance.

7.5.3 Building maintenance

The ICB will ensure a suitable planned preventative maintenance regime is in place for all key building services such as air-conditioning, heating, hot and cold water supplies, lighting, cleaning, fire equipment and alarm systems, lifts and lifting equipment, security systems, sanitary facilities and general decoration is in place.

Contracts or Service Level Agreements will be put in place for such maintenance and appropriate records will be kept of all maintenance, breakdowns and repairs.

Essential information for use in the event of emergency breakdowns will be available to all designated responsible persons at each site.

7.6 Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)

The ICB is based in low-risk office environments with very few hazardous substances present.

Risk assessments will be undertaken to ensure staff do not become harmed in any way from exposure to hazardous substances in the workplace. Where elimination of that substance is not possible, a substitute will be found to lower the risks.

Any potentially hazardous substances identified will be suitably stored and labelled correctly. Appropriate information will be readily available relating to the natural characteristics of a particular substance, and suitable control measures and contingency plans will be in place to ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of an accident or injury.

Full training and information will be given to all staff that are required to handle such substances.

Protective personal equipment will be provided where appropriate, and a full review of substances will be carried out at regular intervals.

7.7 First Aid, Incident and Accident Reporting

7.7.1 First Aid

Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981, requires employers to provide adequate and appropriate equipment, facilities and personnel to ensure their employees receive immediate attention if they are injured at work or taken ill at work.

ICB premises are classified as low risk office environments, however adequate first aid cover will be provided to minimise the consequence of injury or ill health in the workplace by treating minor injuries and where necessary giving help until professional assistance can be obtained. This will be achieved by:

- Carrying out assessments to determine the extent of first aid provisions required within the area or workplace for which they are responsible;
- Providing adequately stocked and accessible first aid boxes at identified locations;
- Providing appropriate training for employees so to assist them in gaining the relevant qualification to be either an Emergency First Aider or an Appointed Person.

The ICB will follow the guidance for provision of first aid personnel will ensure the following will be applied.

ICB Office First Aid Provision Guidance

Fewer than 25 people	At least 1 appointed person
25-50 people	At least 1 Emergency First Aid trained first aider
More than 50 people	At least 1 First Aid at Work trained first aider for every 100 people employed or in attendance.

It is acknowledged by the HSE that registered Doctors and Nurses who may not have attended a first aid course if present at an accident / incident at work can act in an Emergency First Aider capacity. Please contact reception for the location of first aid kits and a list of all qualified First Aid trained staff.

7.7.2 Accident, Incident and Near Reporting

In the event of an accident, all staff will ensure that a detailed entry of the event is recorded in the site accident book located in reception and also on the ICB's Accident, Incident and Near Miss form and will notify their line manager who will subsequently seek advice as to whether notification is required under The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR).

For further guidance on reporting accidents, incidents and near misses refer to the Incident and Accident Policy.

7.8 Fire Safety

The ICB will ensure that all persons on site are able to proceed safely along a recognised escape route, to a place of safety regardless of the location of the fire.

A Fire Risk Assessment will be carried out to ensure that, as far as is reasonably practicable, all fire hazards and/or risks are eliminated.

Fire Wardens will be appointed at all ICB controlled sites to assist with evacuation procedures.

Assembly points will be clearly identifiable and located in a suitable place away from any other dangers.

Staff will be fully informed and trained via evacuations in local evacuation procedures and will receive suitable refresher training as appropriate.

Further guidance and information can be found in the Fire Safety Policy.

7.9 Other Emergency Evacuations

Emergency evacuations prompted by bomb threats or other events will have the same essential principles for fire evacuation, although may not be signalled by an audible alarm, but via Fire Wardens as one or more escape routes could be impacted by any suspicious device or gas leak for example. Specific instructions will be issued to staff as the need arises.

Staff should read the appropriate evacuation process for any sites that they attend.

7.10 Manual handling

Risk assessments will be carried out for any task where there is a significant risk to a person who is required to move an object through pushing, pulling, carrying or lifting. The assessment will consider the load, the working environment and the physical capability of the individual. Such assessments will be readily available and will be shared amongst staff.

Training, supervision and information will be given to staff by competent people prior to manual handling work being carried out.

7.11 New and Expectant Mothers

The ICB accepts its responsibilities as set out within the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations to protect new, expectant and breastfeeding mothers.

The ICB requires new and expectant mothers to provide a written notification of pregnancy as early as possible or that they have given birth in the last six months or are breastfeeding.

Line managers are responsible for completing a New and Expectant Mothers risk assessment to ensure that the employee and the unborn child are not exposed to any significant risk.

The ICB will ensure that there are suitable facilities provided for nursing mothers to rest, express and store milk.

7.12 Driving Vehicles

All employees who drive vehicles as part of their ICB duties are expected to be in possession of a full, valid and current driving license for the category of vehicle they are driving.

Copies of driving license and insurance certificate must be provided to the employer in order to claim expenses as is consistent with the ICBs process.

All vehicles, including employees' own vehicles, should be kept in a roadworthy condition at all times and have a current, valid MOT certificate. All drivers should be adequately insured including 'business use'.

The ICB expects drivers to observe the Highway Code and all road traffic laws, and to drive with due consideration and courtesy to other drivers at all times.

Further guidance and information can be found in the Safe Driving at Work Procedure.

7.13 Training

Health and Safety training is a statutory requirement of legislation and therefore mandatory for all staff of the ICB. Provision will be made to ensure staff receive adequate information, instruction and training with respect to Health and Safety where appropriate.

Training will be completed via ESR, additional training may be identified as a result of risk assessment and will be facilitated accordingly.

All new permanent employees, and temporary workers must receive an Induction to include Health, Safety, Welfare, Fire and Security procedures and arrangements.

7.14 Contractors

Any Contractor commissioned to carry out services on behalf of the ICB where there is a possibility that their activities will cause harm to people, will be required to submit a copy of their Health and Safety documentation such as; Health and Safety Policy/Procedures, liability insurance, relevant risk assessments/method statements along with their tender, in order for the ICB to ensure the contract includes appropriate

measures for Health and Safety.

All contractors that attend an ICB site to carry out work will be provided with information on local Health and Safety arrangements and will be issued with permits for work where applicable.

8. Monitoring and Review of this Policy

The effectiveness of this policy will be monitored by the Health and Safety Oversight Group. This group will advise on necessary changes to the policy and inform the ICB of those proposed changes for further ratification.

The information used to change this policy may be from, but not exclusively, lessons learnt from incidents/near misses, reported accidents/injuries and/or changes to legislation requirements.

8.1 Equality Impact Assessment

The ICB aims to design and implement procedural documents that meet the diverse needs of our service and workforce, ensuring that no one is placed at a disadvantage over others, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. The Equality Impact Assessment Stage 1, which was used to determine the potential impact this policy might have with respect to the individual protected characteristics, is incorporated at Appendix B.

The results from the stage 1 assessment indicate that this policy will not require a stage 2 assessment.

9. References

- The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974;
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999;
- The Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations 1992;
- Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations 1992 (as amended);
- Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 (as amended);
- Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998;
- The Reporting of Incidents, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR). Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH);
- Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 (as amended);
- The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005;
- Electricity at Work Regulations 1989;
- Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act 1969;
- The Health and Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002;
- The Health and Safety Information for Employees Regulations 1989;
- The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 (as amended);
- The Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations 1996 (as amended);
- Disability Discrimination Act 1995;

Appendix A - GENERAL STATEMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Philosophy

NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (L&SC ICB) is committed to providing a safe and healthy working environment for all its employees and regards Health and Safety as a matter of the utmost importance. An effective policy enhances business performance, reduces injuries and ill health, protects the environment and reduces unnecessary losses and liability. It follows that minimising risk to employees, visitors, and property is inseparable from all other business objectives.

General Statement of Policy

The ICB, as an employer, is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of its employees, so far as is reasonably practicable. We also fully accept our responsibility for other persons who may be affected by our activities, and we will take steps to ensure that our statutory duties are met at all times. The ICB Board expects all staff, visitors, contractors and other employers who work at the ICB to share this commitment by complying with ICB policies and procedures, and to understand that they too have legal and moral obligations to themselves and to one another.

We intend to ensure the Health and Safety of all persons who may be affected by our activities are maintained by ensuring that, in so far as is reasonably practicable:

- A safe working environment is provided, along with adequate welfare arrangements and facilities;
- Identifying hazards and conducting formal risk assessments when appropriate in order to minimise the risk for all activities undertaken by the ICB;
- All systems of work are safe and without unnecessary risks to Health and Safety.
- Providing, managing and maintaining plant and equipment so that it is, so far as reasonably practicable, safe and that risks to health are controlled.
- Ensuring that control measures and emergency procedures are in place; effective; properly used; monitored and maintained.
- Provide suitable and sufficient information, instruction, training and supervision at all levels necessary to ensure that staff are competent to undertake their work activities.
- Consulting with and involving our staff in matters relating to their own Health and Safety.
- Keeping up to date with best practice in relation to Health and Safety and complying with all relevant legislation and authoritative guidance.
- Contractors & Providers undertaking work on behalf of the ICB, are competent to do so.

The ICB will undertake to continually review and develop our safety management systems, with the overarching aim of conducting our activities in a manner which does not affect the Health and Safety of any staff, contractors, visitors or members of the public.

I and the other members of the board are committed to this Policy and to the implementation and maintenance of the highest standards of health, safety and welfare within the ICB. We expect every member of the ICB to share this commitment and to work together to achieve it.

Signature of Chief Executive

Printed Name: Kevin Lavery 

Date: 21/12/23

Signature of H&S Representative 

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Date: 21/12/23

Appendix B - Equality Impact Assessment Stage 1

Equality, Health Inequality Impact and Risk Assessment

Health and Safety Policy

Lancashire and South Cumbria HC Partnership

Current Status

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Explanation

NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (L&SC ICB) is committed to providing a safe and healthy working environment for all its employees and regards Health and Safety as a matter of the utmost importance

Supplementary Files

 **LSCICB_Est06_Health and Safety Policy.pdf** (383216 bytes)