**WATER SAFETY**

1. **Aim**

Omega Care Group as an organisation recognises the importance of water safety and has outlined adherence to relative acts, legislation and guidance.

**Related Acts, Legislations and Guidance**

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1999 (COSHH)

1. **Management of Legionella** 
   1. Each Omega Care Group property will hold a valid Legionella Survey. All safety measures and requirements from this survey will be followed to accordingly and documented within the house risk assessment.
   2. There are no water storage tanks/traps on site.

* Any water supply/source not in constant (that is daily) use should be flushed through thoroughly once a week. Water should be run from all taps and showers for a minimum of 10 minutes. Toilets should be flushed a minimum of 4 times.
* All actions should be recorded. It is the responsibility of the home manager to ensure accurate records are maintained

Risk Management Protocols to prevent Legionella Growth

1. Combi boilers should be set to, and run, at a minimum of 60 degrees Celsius. The temperature of the boiler should be checked weekly. Findings should be recorded.
2. All showerheads and hoses should be sterilised on a quarterly (3 monthly) basis.
3. The showerhead and hose should be removed and immersed in a solution of Milton, for a minimum of 30 minutes, or as per instructions. Personal protective clothing should be worn, and the procedure carried out in a restricted area, that young people and visitors are unable to access.
4. The completion of the procedure should be recorded.
5. Monthly water temperature checks to be completed by the house manager
6. The nominated officer will undertake and record temperature checks on all water outlets on a monthly basis.
7. Cold water outlets: The temperature probe should be placed under cold water outlets for 2 minutes. The temperature recorded by the probe after that time should be 20 degrees Celsius or less.
8. Hot water outlets: The temperature probe should be placed under hot water outlets for 1 minute. The temperature recoded by the probe after that time should be 55 degrees Celsius or more.
9. The nominated officer will record the temperatures and provide a copy of the record to the individual provision. Any additional action will be identified and undertaken by the nominated officer in collaboration with the manager.

**3. Water temperature Safety**

**3.1** Hot water signs to present above all hot water taps

**3.2** Non-mixer taps to be no hotter than 55 Celsius