

## **Parish Dental Practice Policy: Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)**

### **Policy Statement:**

Parish Dental is committed to the health and safety of all staff and patients by ensuring the safe handling, storage, and disposal of substances hazardous to health. This policy is in accordance with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH).

### **Objective:**

To minimize the risk of exposure to hazardous substances and ensure a safe working environment.

### **Scope:**

This policy applies to all staff at Parish Dental who may come into contact with hazardous substances, including chemicals, cleaning agents, and dental materials.

### **Procedures:**

#### **1. Risk Assessment:**

- Conduct regular COSHH risk assessments for all hazardous substances used in the practice.
- Identify the hazards and evaluate the risks of exposure.

#### **2. Control Measures:**

- Implement control measures to reduce the risk of exposure, including the use of less harmful substances, safe work procedures, and personal protective equipment (PPE).

#### **3. Information and Training:**

- Provide relevant information and training to all staff regarding the hazards associated with substances, safe handling, and emergency procedures.

#### **4. Storage and Labeling:**

- Store hazardous substances safely, ensuring they are correctly labeled and that Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available.

#### **5. Use and Handling:**

- Ensure safe use and handling of hazardous substances, following manufacturer instructions and safety guidelines.

#### **6. Spill Response and Disposal:**





- Implement procedures for dealing with spills, including containment, cleaning, and safe disposal.
- Dispose of hazardous substances and their containers in accordance with legal and environmental regulations.

7. **Health Surveillance:**

- Where necessary, conduct health surveillance for staff who are regularly exposed to hazardous substances.

8. **Record Keeping:**

- Maintain records of risk assessments, training, incidents, and health surveillance where applicable.

9. **Policy Review and Update:**

- Regularly review and update the COSHH policy to reflect changes in legislation, industry standards, or practice operations.

**Responsibility:**

The practice manager is responsible for implementing and enforcing this policy. All staff are expected to comply with the COSHH policy and participate in relevant training.

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