

## Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH).

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### Summary of Changes

Section	Change
Whole Policy	Policy reviewed, in new Ark format, to set out ARK's position re meeting and evidencing that we have met our obligations in particular to the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002.

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## 1.0 ARKs Values

### Trust

We have confidence in our people to deliver excellent services and trust in them to do so. We will develop trusting and honest relationships and our customers will feel assured that they can rely on us to deliver.

### Respect

We treat everyone fairly and we listen. We are respectful of each person with whom we come into contact and expect our people to respond professionally and treat others as they would wish to be treated.

### Understanding

We will operate with empathy and compassion and approach each situation with an open mind. We will question and challenge to ensure we achieve the right outcomes for customers and our people.

### Equality

We believe everyone is equal and expect our people to create positive experiences where everyone feels valued and included.

### Integrity

We will do the right thing and take responsibility for our actions. We will work together to uphold the highest standards of behaviour and practice.

## 2.0 Purpose

This Policy describes how Ark recognises that, as an employer it has a general duty under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH) to risk assess and eliminate or control the risks to employees and third parties (i.e. supported people, tenants, visitors and contractors) from hazardous substances.

## 3.0 Policy Statement

Ark staff will identify the hazards and significant risks from hazardous substances associated with our work activities through COSHH risk assessments. Appropriate workplace precautions will be implemented as required.

## 4.0 Scope

All Board of Management members, employees, agency, relief staff and third parties are required to abide by this policy

## 5.0 Legal/Regulatory Framework

The key piece of legislation underpinning this policy is the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH) to ensure that the use of, or contact with, hazardous substances is eliminated or controlled to prevent Injury or ill health due to exposure to the substance.

In terms of regulatory expectations, Standard 1.3, of the Scottish Housing Regulator`s Regulatory standards of Governance And Financial Management requires each RSL should ensure that it complies with its constitution and its legal obligations, and Requirement 3, have assurances and evidence that it is meeting all of its legal obligations associated with housing and homelessness services, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety.

## 6.0 Responsibilities

### 6.1 Board of Management

Ark`s Board of Management is responsible for consideration and approval of this policy, and for ensuring that its decisions are taken in accordance with relevant legislation, regulatory expectations, training and guidance.

### 6.2 Executive Team

Ark`s Executive Team is responsible for ensuring that this policy is reviewed in accordance with Ark`s schedule for review of policies, or sooner if required. The Executive Team is responsible for ensuring that its decisions, and that the decision of officers, are taken in accordance with relevant legislation, regulatory expectations, training and guidance.

### 6.3 Senior Leadership Team

Ark's Senior Leadership Team is responsible for review of the policy, and for ensuring that its decisions, and that the decision of officers, are taken in accordance with relevant legislation, regulatory expectations.

### 6.4 Managers

Ark Managers will be responsible for the effective implementation of this policy within their area of responsibility, and for complying with its provisions. They must also ensure that each member of their staff, through induction, and team meetings, is made aware of this policy and participates in relevant training.

### 6.5 All Staff

All Ark employees are required to familiarise themselves with this policy and comply with its provisions as well as undertake any training implemented as part of the rollout of this policy

### 6.6 Third Parties

Ark will ensure that this policy is complied with, when third parties, such as supported people / tenants / contractors / visitors / others, are affected by Ark's work activities.

## 7.0 Control of Substances Hazardous to Health

This policy and accompanying procedure will provide staff with information and guidance on arrangements for the control of risks associated with hazardous substances used at work in order to ensure legal compliance with COSHH.

## 8.0 Related Policies & Procedures

This Policy should be read in accordance with Ark's COSHH procedure; and

- HS02 – Manager Guide to Health and Safety Policy and Procedure.

## 9.0 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

An Equality Impact Assessment does not been completed in relation to the development of this policy.

## 10.0 Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)

No data protection implications have been identified in relation to the development of this policy, and consequently a DPIA has not been completed.

## 11.0 Stakeholder Consultation

In developing this policy the following groups were consulted:

- Ark Board of Management
- Ark Executive Team
- Ark Senior Leadership Team
- Ark Area Managers
- Ark Employees

## 12.0 Monitoring and Review

Ark's Health and Safety Adviser, on behalf of Ark's Executive and Senior Leadership Teams, will monitor implementation of this policy on an ongoing basis and ensure that relevant decisions within Ark are taken in line with the obligations and expectations set out in this policy.

### 12.1 Monitoring

Ark's Health and Safety Adviser, on behalf of Ark's Executive and Senior Leadership Teams, will monitor implementation of this policy on an ongoing basis and ensure that relevant

## 12.2 Review

This policy will be reviewed within 3 years from the date of approval by our Board of Management, in accordance with Ark's policy review framework.