



**Doncaster and Bassetlaw  
Teaching Hospitals**  
NHS Foundation Trust

# FIRE SAFETY POLICY

To be read in conjunction with the Fire Safety Protocols:

- CORP/HSFS 14v1 Protocol 0 Fire Safety Management and Governance (AF)
- CORP/HSFS 14v6 Protocol 1 Fire Prevention
- CORP/HSFS 14v6 Protocol 2 Fire Risk Assessment
- CORP/HSFS 14v6 Protocol 3 Fire Stopping (AF)
- CORP/HSFS 14v6 Protocol 4 Fire Doors and Door Assembly (AF)

**This policy document supersedes: CORP/HSFS 14 v.5 – Fire Policy**



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Version	Date Issued	Brief Summary of Changes	Author
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Version 5	3 May 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy updated in consultation with Authorised Engineer Fire Safety and in accordance with DOH HTM 05-01 Managing Healthcare Fire Safety (2015 Edition).</li> <li>Policy includes reference to proposed Fire Safety Management Protocols.</li> </ul>	Howard Timms / John Hubbard
Version 4	22 April 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purpose changed</li> <li>Policy put into new format</li> <li>Lock down taken from main body and added as an appendix</li> <li>Procedures taken from main body and put as appendices.</li> </ul>	David Clayton
Version 3	May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definition of Responsible Person changed</li> <li>Item 7 - Responsible Person changed to Responsible Manager</li> <li>Item 10 – Reference to legal requirement to report changes in conditions to Responsible Person removed.</li> <li>All references to Fire Marshals removed.</li> <li>Appendix 1 – Action by Responsible person – ring 2222 and then 999 changed to “Confirm Fire and Rescue Service summoned”.</li> <li>Item 26 – False alarms added</li> <li>Item 29 – Lockdown Unplanned Care added</li> <li>Fire action – Montagu – action by telephonist – Responsible Person deleted from contact list.</li> </ul>	David Clayton
Version 2	June 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major changes made throughout in line with Regulatory Reform Order (Fire Safety) 2005 and the Fire Code HTM 05 suite of documents.</li> <li>Added Appendix 5 – Arson Guidance Note.</li> <li>Bleep number changes.</li> <li>Responsibility for fire changed from ‘Nominated Officer (Fire)’ to ‘responsible person’ throughout.</li> </ul>	Colin Vickers

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## 1. PURPOSE

To provide an unambiguous statement of fire safety policy applicable to Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and to premises where patients of the Trust receive treatment or care excluding a single private dwelling.

## 2. INTRODUCTION /POLICY AIMS

The Trust has a commitment to continually monitor fire safety precautions throughout all Trust premises and ensure compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 statutory legislation and other guidance including the DOH Firecode (HTM05 series of documents).

This Fire Safety Policy aims to minimise the incidence of fire throughout all activities provided by or on behalf of Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Where a fire occurs this policy aims to minimise the impact on life safety, the delivery of patient care, the environment and property.

It is vital to the effectiveness of the policy that the policy is available to all staff, that they understand its contents and are aware of their own role in ensuring a fire safe environment.

All new staff joining the Trust, or other organisations sharing Trust premises, must be made aware of the existence and location of this Policy.

Chief Executive (R Parker Signature)      Date:

## 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Executive and Trust Board will:

Accept its legal duty to ensure compliance with its statutory duties under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and DOH Firecode HTM 05 Series of documents regarding the Managing and Guidance on Healthcare Fire Safety.

Discharge its responsibilities as a provider of Healthcare, to ensure that suitable and sufficient governance arrangements are in place to manage fire safety related matters.

Provide appropriate levels of investment in the Estate and personnel to facilitate the implementation of suitable Fire Safety precautions and appropriate levels of Fire Safety Training.

Facilitate the development of partnership initiatives with stakeholders and other appropriate bodies in the provision of Fire Safety where reasonably practicable.

## 4. IMPLEMENTATION

The Chief Executive and Trust Board expect those tasked with managing aspects of Fire Safety to:

Diligently discharge their Fire Safety responsibilities as befits their position.

Have in place a clearly defined management structure for the delivery, control and monitoring of Fire Safety measures.

Have in place a programme for the assessment and review of Fire Risks and Evacuation Procedures and provide the appropriate levels of investment to mitigate the Risks.

Develop and implement the Fire Safety Policy and appropriate Fire Safety protocols, procedures, action plans and control measures to mitigate Fire Risks, comply with relevant legislation and where practicable, codes of practice and guidance.

Develop and disseminate an appropriate Fire Safety Strategy and Fire Emergency action plans pertinent to each department / building / area to ensure the safety of occupants, protect the delivery of service and as far as reasonably practicable, defend the property and environment.

Develop and implement a programme of appropriate Fire Safety training for all staff.

Develop and implement monitoring and reporting mechanisms appropriate to the management of Fire Safety.

## 5. MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH THE POLICY

The Fire Safety Policy is a strategic level document and will be reviewed every 3 years or when there has been a significant change to Trust business practice.

The Trust Board will monitor the implementation of the policy as follows:

What is being Monitored	Who will carry out the Monitoring	How often	How Reviewed/ Where Reported to
<b>Example:</b> Fire alarm Number of Fires false alarms and incident reports. Unwanted Fire Signals Fire Safety Training Fire Service Audits reports notices and communications Fire Safety Audit Reports Independent third party Fire Authorised Engineer	Trust Board	Yearly or as required	Ongoing performance against Fire Safety will be monitored and reported via the Fire Safety management system and reported to the Trust Board, Trust Health and Safety and Fire Safety Committee

## 6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been conducted on this procedural document in line with the principles of the Equality Analysis Policy (CORP/EMP 27) and the Fair Treatment for All Policy (CORP/EMP 4).

The purpose of the EIA is to minimise and if possible remove any disproportionate impact on employees of the grounds of race, sex, disability age, sexual orientation or religious belief. No detriment was identified. See Appendix 1.

## APPENDIX 1 – EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT - PART 1 INITIAL SCREENING

Service/Function/Policy/Project/Strategy	Care Group/Executive Directorate and Department	Assessor (s)	New or Existing Service or Policy?	Date of Assessment
Fire Safety Policy - CORP/HSFS 14 v.6	Estates and Facilities	Howard Timms	Existing policy	8 Jun 2020
<b>1) Who is responsible for this policy?</b> Name of Care Group/Directorate: Estates and Facilities				
<b>2) Describe the purpose of the service / function / policy / project/ strategy?</b> Who is it intended to benefit? What are the intended outcomes? All Trust Staff. The Trust must continually monitor Fire Safety Precautions throughout all Trust Premises to ensure compliance with the Regulatory Form (Fire Safety) Order and the DOH Firecode HTM 05 Series to minimise the incidence of fire.				
<b>3) Are there any associated objectives?</b> Legislation, targets national expectation, standards – Regulatory Form (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and the DOH Firecode HTM 05 Series.				
<b>4) What factors contribute or detract from achieving intended outcomes?</b> Trust Staff awareness				
<b>5) Does the policy have an impact in terms of age, race, disability, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marriage/civil partnership, maternity/pregnancy and religion/belief?</b> No <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>If yes, please describe current or planned activities to address the impact</b> [e.g. Monitoring, consultation] – N/A</li> </ul>				
<b>6) Is there any scope for new measures which would promote equality?</b> [any actions to be taken – N/A				
<b>7) Are any of the following groups adversely affected by the policy?</b> No				
<b>Protected Characteristics</b>	<b>Affected?</b>	<b>Impact</b>		
a) Age	No			
b) Disability	No			
c) Gender	No			
d) Gender Reassignment	No			
e) Marriage/Civil Partnership	No			
f) Maternity/Pregnancy	No			
g) Race	No			
h) Religion/Belief	No			
i) Sexual Orientation	No			
<b>8) Provide the Equality Rating of the service / function /policy / project / strategy – tick (✓) outcome box</b>				
<b>Outcome 1</b> ✓	<b>Outcome 2</b>	<b>Outcome 3</b>	<b>Outcome 4</b>	
<i>*If you have rated the policy as having an outcome of 2, 3 or 4, it is necessary to carry out a detailed assessment and complete a Detailed Equality Analysis form in Appendix 4</i>				
<b>Date for next review:</b> June 2023				
<b>Checked by:</b> Kirsty Edmondson-Jones Director of Estates and Facilities			<b>Date:</b> June 2020	