

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Health &amp; Safety Policy – ORG47</b>
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<b>Associated documents</b>	See Appendix 1
<b>Reference documents</b>	Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 Management of Health & Safety Regulations 1999 Managing for Health & Safety (HSG65)
<b>Initial reviewing body</b>	Health & Safety Committee
<b>Final approval body</b>	Board
<b>Published on website</b>	Yes

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>Our mission is to enable everyone to achieve beyond what they and others believe possible. As part of this mission, we recognise the importance of creating a safe and healthy environment for our students, colleagues, clients, and all others who interact with our college.</p> <p>Safeguarding is a key element of this policy and, therefore, the safeguarding policy should be read in conjunction.</p>
<b>Scope</b>	The policy covers all the College facilities including the satellite provision.
<b>Equality &amp; Diversity</b>	<p><i>"[Derwen] College is committed to promoting equality, good relations and to challenging discrimination. This is reflected in all College policies, procedures, processes, and practices."</i> <i>Derwen College Equal Opportunities Policy</i></p> <p>Derwen College's ethos is to embrace diversity, to offer equality of opportunity, and to treat every individual fairly and with respect. Equality, diversity, and inclusion are embedded throughout the organisation. This policy should be applied in accordance with this ethos.</p> <p>If you would like a copy of this document in a different format, such as large print, please contact the Human Resources Department who will provide help with alternative formats.</p>

## **Our Statement of Intent**

### **The Senior Leadership commit to:**

- Taking a sensible and measured approach to health and safety and balancing the need to manage risks whilst delivering great educational work experience and an outstanding living environment.
- Providing and maintaining a safe environment for students, colleagues, clients, and visitors.
- Defining the roles that all colleagues have in providing and maintaining a safe environment.
- Involving students and colleague through communication, consultation, and direct involvement.
- Ensuring that students and colleagues receive sufficient induction, training, and information.
- Taking all steps reasonably practicable to eliminate, substitute or control risks within the College.
- Measuring and communicating what works well and what needs improving. This includes ensuring all near misses, incidents and accidents are reported, recorded and causes identified and ensuring appropriate actions are taken to prevent reoccurrence.
- Making provision for appropriate First Aid arrangements, welfare facilities and wellbeing at work.
- Where the College shares a workplace with other employers, whether on a temporary or permanent basis, there will be co-operation and co-ordination with the other employer to ensure both parties are compliant with our health and safety requirements.

### **It is the duty of all colleagues to:**

- Exercise reasonable care for the health, safety and welfare of themselves and others who may be affected by their actions or omissions.
- To report any unsafe act, condition, or occurrence.
- To co-operate and enable the College to perform its legal duties in respect of health and safety matters.
- Not to interfere with the rules or equipment provided by the College in the interests of health and safety

### **Governors' commitment:**

The Governors of Derwen College recognise their duties and overall responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (including provisions relating to young persons) and related legislation. They place as paramount the health, safety and welfare of college employees, students, clients, volunteers, parents, and other visitors.

They approve the College's Health and Safety Policy.

The responsibility for monitoring the procedures resulting from the College Policy shall be vested in the Principal, Registered Managers, Senior Leadership team and the Health & Safety Manager.

The Principal, Registered Managers and Senior Leadership Team are responsible for each aspect of safety, health, and welfare, ensuring that the specific responsibilities within the

management structure of the College are identified. The structure and tasks are regularly reviewed with the Health and Safety Committee.

### **Health and Safety Committee**

The Health & Safety committee is an information and consultation body that provides an opportunity for dialogue and exchange of ideas between management, staff representatives, and governors on health and safety issues.

It is intended to:

- Review the College's health and safety systems.
- Monitor practices, accident figures and trends.
- Ensure a uniform approach to health and safety.
- Consider reports, correspondence, or representations from safety representatives, outside agencies and enforcing authorities.
- Review forthcoming legislation and assess implication.
- Assist with the development of safety rules and safe systems of work.

The Committee minutes are issued to all colleagues in the weekly staff newsletter.

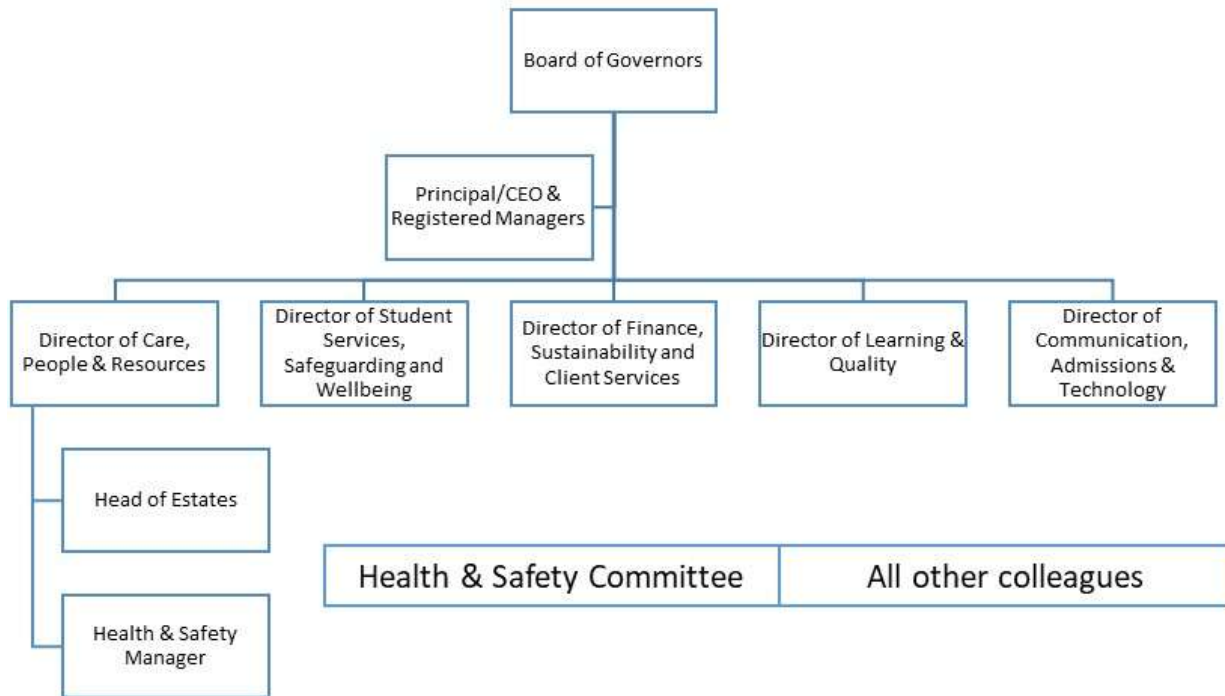
### **The Health & Safety Manager**

- Will monitor Health and Safety matters daily and take corrective action in a timely manner when issues arise which may impact on the health, safety, and welfare of staff.
- Will conduct workplace audits, escalating for specialist advice where appropriate, and arrange for the purchase of necessary equipment.
- Will attend meetings of the Health and Safety Committee

### **The Head of Estates**

- Will ensure that all contractors are appropriately qualified for the work they will undertake.
- Will ensure that health and safety matters are considered when contracts are being tendered.
- Will ensure that contractors provide method statements for work undertaken that is likely to pose significant risk Derwen College staff, students, visitors etc. or the contractors themselves.
- Will attend meetings of the Health and Safety Committee

## The Organisation of Health & Safety at Derwen College



## The Arrangements for Health & Safety at Derwen College

Derwen College adopts a Plan, Do, Check, Act approach to the management of health and safety. This approach achieves a balance between the systems and behavioural aspects required to effectively manage health and safety across the College.

*PLAN* – Determine the college policy and plan – this plan is then communicated to all staff.

*DO* – Identify the college risks – what could cause harm, who could it harm and how will the college manage this risk. The college will involve colleagues so that they are clear on what is needed and to support the effective implementation plans – this may involve training, resources and receiving competent advice.

*CHECK* – The College will measure its health and safety performance and ensure that plans are fully implemented, and investigate the causes of accidents, incidents and near misses.

*ACT* – The College will review its health and safety performances i.e., accident/incident data, safety inspections etc. and act upon the lessons learned.

## **Appendix 1 - Associated Policies and Procedures**

The following Policies and Procedures, which can be located on SharePoint, all have a focus on Health & Safety and should be read in conjunction with this policy.

- Manual and Client Handling
- C.O.S.H.H.
- Contractor Control
- Risk Assessment
- PPE – Personal Protective Equipment
- Fire Safety
- Accident Reporting and Investigation
- Legionella
- Safe Use of College Vehicles
- First Aid
- Electrical Safety
- Gas Safety
- Display Screen Equipment
- Provision and Use of Work Equipment (PUWER)
- Lone Working Policy
- Violence at Work
- Stay Safe 'Lockdown'

In addition, all staff should make themselves aware of the other relevant policies and procedures which are important to maintain their health, safety, and wellbeing:

- Annual Health & Safety Report
- Business Continuity Plan
- Safeguarding Policy
- Stress at Work Policy
- Smoking Policy
- Bullying & Harassment Policy
- Equal Opportunity Policy
- Infection Prevention and Control Policy
- Medication Policy
- Alcohol and Substance Misuse
- Mental Wellbeing Policy
- Alcohol and Drugs Policy