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Legionella Risk Assessment

Legionnaires' disease is a severe form of pneumonia — lung inflammation usually caused by infection. Legionnaires' disease is caused by a bacterium known as legionella.

You can't catch legionnaires' disease from person-to-person contact. Instead, most people get legionnaires' disease from inhaling the bacteria. Older adults, smokers and people with weakened immune systems are particularly susceptible to legionnaires' disease.

The legionella bacterium also causes Pontiac fever, a milder illness resembling the flu. Separately or together, the two illnesses are sometimes called legionellosis. Pontiac fever usually clears on its own, but untreated legionnaires' disease can be fatal. Although prompt treatment with antibiotics usually cures legionnaires' disease, some people continue to experience problems after treatment.

Risks defined 1 – 5 (with 5 offering significant risk)

Assessment of Risk – the overall setting – Strawberry How Nursery School (RA 1)

The setting plumbing and water pipes are in regular use. All water comes from the mains with no water tanks used. All hot water is heated by combi boilers. Pipes are regularly cleaned, checked and serviced when necessary. There are no showers within the setting.

Assessment of Risk – Water Temperature (RA1)

Water outlets – taps etc are > 20degC for cold water or <50degC for hot water, this is checked monthly - cold-water temperature by running the outlets for a maximum of 2 minutes. Hot water temperature is checked monthly after running the outlets for 1 minute. Hot and cold water checked using calibrated thermometer.

Assessment of Risk – Combi Boiler Checks (RA 1)

The temperature of both combi boilers is checked monthly. If the temperature falls below 50degC a Gas Safe engineer will be called to check and service the boiler.

Assessment of Risk – Potential Locations for Legionella (RA 1)

Air conditioning units, hose pipes, and taps, will be checked and maintained and used regularly to prevent the presence of the Legionella bacteria and from it multiplying.

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