

# Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee Covid-19 Support for Staff & Policy Changes

24th September 2020



# **Background**

#### Lockdown 23rd March





Keyworkers

**Casual Workers** 

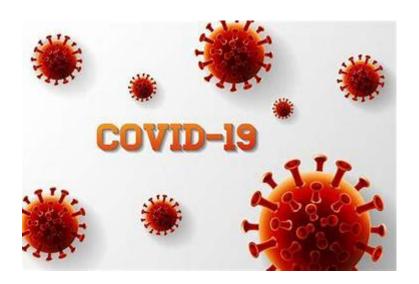






### Possible Health Implications of Covid-19

Overwhelmed
Anxiety
Low mood
Depression
Poor sleep / fatigue
Grief
Anger / irritability
Distraction
Poor diet / reduced exercise
Musculoskeletal
Substance misuse





# **Physical Health Support**





# **Mental Health Support**

**Employee Assistance Programme** 





Mental Health First Aiders

Health Champions/Advocates







## Mental Health Additional Support

NHS and PHE Every Mind Matters





MIND Coronavirus and your wellbeing







Recovery College



# **Working from Home**

#### Two Newsletters (so far)

- Look after your body
- Look after your mind
- Keeping in touch
- ICT tips
- Energy Saving

Staff Survey





# **Managers Guidance**

- People Matters Newsletter
- How to support staff when remote working
- Managing workload remotely
- Recognising staff challenges
- Keeping in touch Formal and Informal





#### More to do

- Annual Leave
- Shielding came to an end 1st August
- Managing reoccupation concerns
- Managing the aftermath



# Managing Health, Attendance & Wellbeing Policy

- Pre Covid-19 absence triggers -7 days in a rolling 12 month period, 2 occasions in 3 months period or any other unacceptable pattern.
- Covid 19 related absence will not count towards sickness absence triggers.
- Return to work meetings and support following Covid-19 absence.





## Reviews, Consultation and Redundancy

 Policy updated to exclude COVID related absence from absence selection criteria.





#### **Travel and Subsistence**

- Mileage Claims
- Temporary workplace
- WFH Payment
- Reoccupation







## **HR - Employee Meetings**

- No formal policy changes
- Meeting Format Digital Meetings
- Respect preferences of all



