

## Risk assessment COVID-19

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<p><b>Working safely within the business both during and after a Lockdown</b></p> <p>As more staff return to work the business must ensure their safety by making premises “COVID” secure – unsafe workplace premises raise the risks of virus transmission</p>	<p>There is a direct threat to staff health and wellbeing from transmission of the COVID-19 coronavirus while at work.</p> <p>People can catch the virus from others who are infected in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- virus moves from person-to-person in droplets from the nose or mouth spread when a person with the virus coughs or exhales</li> <li>- the virus can survive for up to 72 hours out of the body</li> </ul>	<p>Ensure that the business complies with its duty to provide a safe and healthy workplace /working conditions for staff in the workplace during the coronavirus pandemic by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circulating “COVID secure” coronavirus policies and safety procedures to all staff and managers; these set out how staff should behave &amp; the precautions they must adopt during the pandemic to keep them safe</li> <li>• Requiring staff to practice effective social distancing while in and around the workplace, while</li> </ul>	<p>No further action required – ongoing review of effectiveness of these measures being continually conducted</p>	<p>Senior Management</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

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	<p>on surfaces which people have coughed on, etc</p> <p>- people can pick up the virus by breathing in the droplets or by touching contaminated surfaces and then touching their eyes or mouth</p> <p>- being too close to others or exposed for long periods to time in close proximity</p>	<p>travelling to work and in all work business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wearing of masks at all times when away from your desk space / work area / ramp</li> </ul> <p>Managers should pass on and reinforce key Government public health messages to all staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cover the mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve (not hands) when coughing or sneezing (Catch it — Bin it — Kill it)</li> <li>• put used tissues in the bin straight away</li> <li>• wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available)</li> <li>• avoid close contact with people who are unwell (insist unwell people stay home)</li> <li>• clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Do not touch face, eyes, nose or mouth if hands are not clean.</li> </ul> <p>In all departments, fully implement</p>				

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		<p>Public Health England (PHE) <i>Guidance for Employers and Businesses on Coronavirus</i>, including the following key safety precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep all risk assessments under review to ensure that a safe place of work is maintained</li> <li>• Ensure good communications with the entire workforce at all stages of the pandemic</li> <li>• Make any adjustments to the workspace/ rotas/ work patterns/ procedures as necessary to facilitate effective infection prevention and social distancing at work</li> <li>• Follow government health and travel advice</li> <li>• Provide hand sanitiser as required</li> <li>• Provide infection control personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, masks and eye protection if required in departmental risk assessments</li> <li>• Increase environmental cleaning in the workplace; review and discuss cleaning method statements with contract cleaners</li> </ul>				

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		<p>to ensure cleaning staff have access to suitable detergents, disinfectants and PPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display appropriate public health posters and notices around the workplace and on websites</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Preventing the spread of COVID-19 on all business sites</b></p> <p>Minimising risk to all employees and customers</p> <p>Staff working together in the workplace premises inevitably raises the risk of virus transmission</p> <p>Hot desking and the sharing of equipment present hazards that raise the risk of virus</p>	<p>All employees and customers are at risk of exposure to coronavirus if steps are not taken to counter against this</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear signage provided throughout each premises detailing social distancing and the importance of regular hand washing</li> <li>• All tea towels and hand towels removed; only blue roll to be used when handling crockery &amp; kitchen items</li> <li>• Anti-bacterial wipes, sprays and hot steamers with disinfectants provided for all employees to wipe down each area after a customer has visited</li> <li>• Employees responsible for the cleaning and sanitisation of their own work spaces</li> <li>• Employees procedures circulated out setting out clear expectations on working together safely during lockdown and whilst the COVID-19 threat remains</li> </ul>	<p>Continue to revisit employees procedures and policies on a regular basis and ensure these remain fit for purpose at all times.</p> <p>Further reviews held prior to Lockdown 2 with increased measures implemented</p>	<p>HR Manager and Managing Director</p>	<p>Under continuous review</p>	

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transmission further		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared equipment such as key cabinets wiped down with anti-bacterial wipes after every use</li> <li>• Gloves and PPE provided such as face masks if employees require these but this must not be relied upon solely and the procedures set out for social distancing must be adhered to at all times</li> <li>• Daily temperature checks are in place to ensure that no employees are displaying a high temperature and are allowed to come into the building</li> <li>• Home working for those able to continue to work effectively offsite and not have to come onto the premises</li> <li>• Continued support for those working at home and to stay connected to the rest of the workforce</li> <li>• Equipment should not be shared between staff – limit the use of high-touch equipment in the workplace</li> <li>• Regular sanitisation of shared equipment e.g. photocopiers to be</li> </ul>				

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		<p>wiped down with an antibacterial wipe after each use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A review of all work premises to identify suitable adaptations which will support social distancing</li> <li>• Offices and work spaces to be set up to support social distancing, e.g. layout changes, appropriate signage, stickers and floor markings to denote safe distances, etc</li> <li>• Workstations and desks to be arranged with a minimum separation between them – where necessary screens will be fitted</li> <li>• Establishing maximum occupancy limits for offices and work areas</li> <li>• Reducing the need for staff to move around within the workplace</li> <li>• Not allowing hot desking if equipment is being shared</li> <li>• Wearing of masks when away from immediate work station</li> <li>• Staff Protocols Policy published on OceanNet and sent to all members of staff to sign electronically and confirm they acknowledge, understand and will</li> </ul>				

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		follow the policy.				
<p><b>Social Distancing – Service Customers</b></p> <p>Customers visiting our premises for vehicle repairs and servicing – risk of infection transmission</p>	<p>Customers visiting need to be clearly guided and allowed to socially distance 2m from our employees and other customers</p> <p>Risk of infection transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Service Reception areas redesigned and sited elsewhere if required.</li> <li>• Clear customer communications sent out prior to any visit including videos on our websites and clear messages on what to expect when visiting our premises</li> <li>• Clear signage throughout to guide customers and employees</li> <li>• 2m distancing in place with taped out areas and clear signage</li> <li>• Protective screens on reception desks</li> <li>• Clean pen system in use</li> <li>• Hand sanitiser available for customer and employees use</li> <li>• Employees instructed to clean down area after each customer visit with anti-bacterial spray, wipes and disinfectant</li> <li>• Socially distanced areas for waiting appointments clearly designated and marked out</li> </ul>	<p>Continuous review to ensure service area remains socially distant and safe for all waiting and visiting customers</p>	<p>Aftersales Manager / Head of Business for each site</p> <p>Bodyshop Manager for Accident Repair Centres</p>	<p>Under constant review</p>	
<p><b>Social Distancing - Employees</b></p>	<p>Employees must be kept at a 2m distance from each</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear signage provided throughout the premises to advise re social</li> </ul>	<p>Continue to revisit employees procedures</p>	<p>HR Manager and Managing</p>	<p>Ongoing review</p>	

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<p>Employees working on site - risk of infection transmission</p>	<p>other at all times to adhere to Government guidelines to minimise risk of spread of infection</p> <p>Sharing of tea towels and hand towels can increase the risk of infection</p> <p>Sharing of common use areas such as kitchens / canteens, toilets and other facilities can increase the risk of infection</p>	<p>distancing and the importance of keeping 2m apart at all times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear signage on the importance of regular hand washing and use of hand sanitiser</li> <li>• Employees procedures drafted clearly setting out expectations and working together during the lockdown period and beyond</li> <li>• Employees training and briefings to ensure clear guidance and what policies and procedures are in place for their safety</li> <li>• One way systems in place on larger sites to avoid crossing on stairs and any points less than 2m apart</li> <li>• Kitchen / canteen areas clearly marked out to ensure only one person at a time can use tea/ coffee making facilities or microwaves / toasters.</li> <li>• Tables &amp; chairs clearly spaced out 2m away from each other with only one person at a time to use these within the kitchen/ canteen area</li> <li>• Staggered lunch breaks in place to</li> </ul>	<p>and policies on a regular basis and ensure these remain fit for purpose at all times</p>	<p>Director</p>		

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		<p>minimise the number of employees taking breaks at the same time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technicians provided with separate eating area if individual site requirements dictate this</li> <li>• Daily temperature and symptom checks are in place to ensure that no employees are displaying a high temperature or any other symptom and are allowed to come into the building</li> <li>• Wearing of masks compulsory when away from your work station</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Vulnerable Employees</b></p> <p>Employees who have previously received a shielding letter being asked to return to work with no additional protection in place from risk of infection</p>	<p>Vulnerable employees who require shielding have a higher risk to themselves if exposed to COVID-19</p> <p>Those who are classified by PHE as being at greater risk from COVID-19 include people in the vulnerable (moderate risk) and extremely vulnerable (high risk) categories</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All vulnerable employees clearly identified and contacted by HR to check whether they have received a shielded letter</li> <li>• All employees in receipt of this letter must state to HR how long they are to be quarantined for</li> <li>• No employees who are shielded will be asked to return to work during their quarantine period</li> <li>• Employees living with a shielded person will have to follow the guidelines within that person's letters whilst at home</li> </ul>	<p>No further action required but policy will be reviewed by HR to ensure it remains relevant and effective</p>	<p>HR Manager</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

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<p>Some staff may have pre-existing medical conditions which render them more vulnerable to the dangers of coronavirus infection</p>	<p>Vulnerable (moderate risk) people include those who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are 70 or older</li> <li>• are pregnant</li> <li>• have a lung condition such as asthma, COPD, emphysema or bronchitis (not severe)</li> <li>• have heart disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease or liver disease (such as hepatitis)</li> <li>• are taking medicine that can affect the immune system (such as low doses of steroids)</li> <li>• are very obese</li> </ul> <p>Extremely vulnerable (high risk) people include those who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have had an organ transplant</li> <li>• are having chemotherapy for cancer, including immunotherapy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managers and HR should identify and be aware of staff who fall into vulnerable and extremely vulnerable categories so they can ensure that they are given adequate protection and support to enable them to comply with government health recommendations</li> </ul> <p>Vulnerable Staff Policy published on OceanNet</p>				

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are having an intense course of radiotherapy for lung cancer</li> <li>• have a severe lung condition (such as severe asthma or severe COPD)</li> <li>• are taking medicine that makes them much more likely to get infections (such as high doses of steroids)</li> <li>• have a serious heart condition and are pregnant</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Premises Access and Travel</b></p> <p>Staff who are required to attend for work must be given safe access to the workplace</p>	<p>Travel to and from work may lead to greater risk of virus transmission</p> <p>Public transport may be restricted in order to achieve social distancing on trains, buses, etc</p> <p>Access to buildings may create a virus transmission risk if staff all seek entrance at once or are channelled</p>	<p>The following safety arrangements should apply to workplace access and travel arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that sufficient access points to the workplace are provided so that staff do not congregate at entrances and exits – ensure that all access points have supplies of sanitiser available</li> <li>• Review disabled access policies and arrangements to ensure safe entrance or exit for disabled /</li> </ul>	<p>Continue to review ongoing staffing levels and access to ensure no bottlenecks to entrances or exits occur.</p>	<p>Head of Sites</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

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	<p>through single points of entry</p> <p>Risks may be increased for disabled or injured staff who may have reduced options for access</p>	<p>injured staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use floor markings and signage at entrances and exits and introduce one way flow systems at entry and exit points where appropriate.</li> <li>• Enable flexible/staggered working arrangements if required so that staff can avoid travelling at peak times or all arriving or leaving at the same time if this proves necessary as staff numbers increase</li> <li>• Provide hand sanitiser at entrances and exits</li> <li>• Ask staff not to use public transport if at all possible – where they do use public transport they should conform with all requirements, eg wearing face coverings if required, social distancing, etc</li> <li>• In all cases non-essential travel for work purposes should be minimised</li> </ul>				
<p><b>People becoming unwell while on-site</b></p>	<p>High risk of transmission</p>	<p>Our policy on ‘People with Symptoms’ has been sent to all employees and they have to acknowledge and sign the document to confirm they have</p>				

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A symptomatic person using a site		<p>read and understood this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All surfaces that a symptomatic person has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected, especially objects visibly contaminated with body fluids and all potentially contaminated high contact areas such as toilets</li> <li>• Public areas where a symptomatic individual has passed through and spent minimal time, such as corridors, but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids, can be cleaned thoroughly as normal</li> <li>• Cleaning staff must wear appropriate PPE</li> <li>• Waste from cleaning of areas where possible cases have been (including disposable cloths and tissues) should be double-bagged and tied off and disposed of in the general waste containers situated outside of the buildings.</li> </ul>				
<b>Technicians Working Together</b>	Technicians are at a higher risk of transmission of infection if they cannot practice social distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social distancing measures are in place to allow technicians to work 2m apart when working on vehicles alone</li> </ul>	Continue to revisit employees procedures and policies on a regular basis and	Aftersales Manager / Head of Business	Ongoing review	

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Technicians need to work on a vehicle less than 2m apart	Shared use of tools and other equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If there is a requirement to work together on a vehicle less than 2m apart, all technicians have been provided with full PPE in the form of face masks, face shields and gloves.</li> <li>• Daily temperature checks are in place to ensure that no technicians displaying a high temperature are allowed to come into the building</li> <li>• Technicians have their own stations and tools – all techs wear gloves at all times and replace these each time they work on a new vehicle</li> <li>• Shared equipment must be sanitised and work stations kept clean and clear by the technicians at the end of every shift</li> <li>• Technicians protocols policy published on OceanNet</li> </ul>	ensure these remain fit for purpose at all times			
<b>Customer Vehicles</b>  Risk of infection both by and from customers and	Use by customers after visiting and use by technicians and valeters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All customers are asked beforehand not to go ahead with their visit if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been near anyone else who has</li> <li>• Vehicle keys are disinfected and</li> </ul>	No further action required – process to continue to be reviewed on an ongoing basis	Aftersales Manager / Head of Business for each site	Ongoing review	

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employees		<p>placed in a plastic bag or key tray</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technicians wipe down high contact areas with anti-bacterial spray before commencing any work on a customer’s vehicle</li> <li>• Seats covers, steering wheel covers and floor mats are used for each vehicle</li> <li>• Technicians are mandated to wear a fresh pair of gloves at all times for each customer vehicle</li> <li>• Technicians are mandated to wear a face mask when conducting any road tests</li> <li>• Technicians / valeters to fully sanitise all high contact areas as detailed on a mirror hanger</li> </ul> <p>Technician Protocols policy published on OceanNet</p>		Bodyshop Manager for Accident Repair Centres		
<p><b>Courtesy Cars</b></p> <p>Risk of infection both by and from customers and employees</p>	<p>Customers sharing vehicles and employees driving these are exposed to a greater risk of infection transmission</p> <p>Valeters using the anti-bacterial bactericide spray canister and not ventilating</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All loan cars to be thoroughly sanitised by way of an initial valet followed by either an anti-bacterial bactericide spray released within each vehicle prior to use, an anti-bacterial machine or an anti-bacterial disinfectant delivered through use of a steamer or via</li> </ul>	<p>Continue to review processes to ensure both effective and practical</p> <p>Ensure all new valeters are fully trained in using the bactericide spray</p>	Aftersales Manager / Head of Business	Ongoing review	

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	<p>the vehicle sufficiently afterwards or immediately getting into the car after use – could cause coughing or eyes to water (P260 do not breathe vapour/spray). H222 extremely flammable aerosol H229 Pressurised container; may burst if heated</p>	<p>ozone machine treatment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All loan cars are to be sanitised in this way every time they are used by a customer.</li> <li>• Mirror hanger to be used to confirm vehicle has been thoroughly sanitised</li> </ul> <p><b>Valeter Use</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear instructions on use and Safety Data Sheet provided</li> <li>• Instructions on inhalation provided – if spray/mist inhaled, move affected person to fresh air and rest in a position for comfortable breathing. Get medical attention if discomfort continues</li> <li>• If ingested – rinse mouth thoroughly with water</li> <li>• Skin contact – wash skin thoroughly with soap and water</li> <li>• Eye contact – rinse immediately with water or use eye stations provided</li> <li>• Store in a safe environment which is cool and away from excessive temperatures</li> </ul>				

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<p><b>Test Drives (when not under a Lockdown)</b></p> <p>Risk of infection both by and from customers and employees</p>	<p>Customers sharing vehicles and employees driving these are exposed to a greater risk of infection transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All vehicles to be fully sanitised both before and after use by a customer</li> <li>Test drives will be unaccompanied to comply with social distancing rules</li> <li>Test Drive protocols in place and circulated to all employees on how to conduct test drives</li> <li>Customer communications to be sent out in advance of any test drives taking place to ensure all customers are clear on the process and what to expect when arriving for their test drive</li> </ul> <p>Test Drives and Trade Plate Policy published on OceanNet</p>	<p>No further action required until next review</p>	<p>Head of Business / General Sales Manager</p>	<p>Ongoing review</p>	
<p><b>Social Distancing – Sales Customers (when not under a Lockdown)</b></p> <p>Customers visiting our premises for the sale of vehicles</p>	<p>Customers visiting need to be clearly guided and allowed to socially distance 2m from our employees and other customers</p> <p>Risk of infection transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Sales areas redesigned and sited elsewhere if required.</li> <li>Clear signage throughout to guide customers and employees</li> <li>2m distancing in place with taped out areas and clear signage</li> <li>Protective screens on sales and hosts desks</li> <li>Clean pen system in use</li> <li>Hand sanitiser available for</li> </ul>	<p>Showroom area to be double checked prior to opening to ensure this fully meets all Government guidelines</p>	<p>Head of Business</p>	<p>Subject to constant review</p>	

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		<p>customer and employees use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees instructed to clean down area after each customer visit with anti-bacterial spray, wipes and disinfectant</li> <li>• Socially distanced areas for sales appointments clearly designated and marked out</li> <li>• Vehicles in showrooms marked out to allow for social distancing when viewing vehicles</li> <li>• Customer communications to be sent out in advance of any sales appointments taking place to ensure all customers are clear on the process and what to expect when arriving at the centre</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Vehicle Handovers</b></p> <p>Customers must be socially distanced when collecting their new vehicle and the vehicle must be sanitised to prevent any risk of</p>	<p>Allowing customers to collect their new vehicle and have a safe handover whilst keeping a safe distance and ensuring the vehicle is fully sanitised to prevent transmission of infection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new contactless handover procedure is in place to allow customers to collect their new vehicle from a safe distance of not less than 2m</li> <li>• Vehicles are fully sanitised prior to handover</li> <li>• Paperwork to be handled remotely wherever possible with a complete click and collect option available</li> <li>• Use of a clean pen system if</li> </ul>	<p>No further action required – processes to be reviewed on an ongoing basis</p>	<p>Head of Business</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

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infection		<p>customers need to complete any final paperwork</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand sanitiser and gloves available for customer and employees use</li> <li>• Customer communications to be sent out in advance of any handovers taking place to ensure all customers are clear on the process and what to expect when arriving for their contactless vehicle handover</li> </ul> <p>Vehicle handover protocols published on OceanNet</p>				
<p><b>Deliveries and Suppliers</b></p> <p>Risk of spread of infection</p>	<p>Employees receiving deliveries if driver or anyone handling the parcel is infected with COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drivers entering the building must follow the one way system to reception and must not enter if they have any symptoms of COVID-19</li> <li>• Employees instructed to use their own pen if signing for delivery; a contactless delivery is preferable</li> <li>• If an electronic signature is required, employees instructed to wash hand thoroughly for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser after signing or handling the parcel</li> </ul>	<p>All new employees to be made of our processes</p> <p>New suppliers to be advised we are following COVID-19 Government guidelines and social distancing must be adhered to when entering our premises</p>	<p>HR and manager's with supplier relationships</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

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		<p>Protocols published and distributed to all employees on deliveries and suppliers via OceanNet</p>				
<p><b>Sub-Contractors on site</b></p> <p>Risk of spread of infection</p>	<p>Employees and or customers if sub-contractors enter the premises as there is an increased risk of infection transmission</p> <p>Safety issues surrounding sub-contractors at work whilst on site</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All sub-contracted work agreed beforehand and made aware of our COVID-19 protocols</li> <li>• No sub-contractor will be allowed on site if they show any signs of COVID-19 or appear to be unwell</li> <li>• All sub-contractors must follow the one way system and social distancing policy</li> <li>• They must show clear ID and necessary paperwork on arrival and sign the visitor book</li> <li>• Their onsite contact must arrange to have their temperature taken. If this exceeds 37.5°C the sub-contractor will immediately be asked to leave the premises</li> <li>• The onsite contact must arrange for any areas to be sanitised where the sub-contractor may have touched prior to their temperature being taken</li> <li>• If their temperature is OK, the sub-contractor must be given our</li> </ul>	<p>No further action required – processes to be continued to be reviewed on an ongoing basis</p>	<p>Commercial Manager and / or Maintenance Controller</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

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		<p>Group Policy on sub-contractors being on our premises and adhere to this at all times. This clearly documents all safety and security issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The onsite contact will take the sub-contractor around the building and advise how social distancing works and the use of our facilities</li> <li>• All employees aware of our Group Policy and the new processes in place to minimise the risk of infection transmission published on OceanNet</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Business Continuity</b></p> <p>Crisis management and business continuity hazards caused by the pandemic emergency</p>	<p>The crisis threatens business continuity and ability to deliver essential services to our customers</p>	<p>Senior Management Team should refer to business continuity policies (BCP) and procedures and BCP updated and amended to reflect the pandemic.</p> <p>After lockdown the following safety arrangements should be applied to establish business recovery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish overall coronavirus risk management team</li> <li>• Ask all departments to review and refresh business continuity plans as necessary</li> </ul>	<p>Update BCP to reflect a pandemic scenario and post lockdown safety arrangements</p>	<p>Commercial Manager</p>	<p>Updated</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devise appropriate business recovery plans and keep under constant review</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Information</b></p> <p>Hazards caused by lack of information or inaccurate information being circulated</p>	<p>The pandemic has been accompanied by a large amount of official guidance, some of which needs interpretation, and also by misinformation, rumour and “fake news” or “myths”.</p> <p>If these are allowed to gain traction within the organisation they can obscure and confuse vital health and safety measures.</p>	<p>After any lockdown the following safety arrangements should be applied to mitigate risks caused by misinformation and “fake” news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure the safety and wellbeing of staff business strategies must be based on accurate information and staff must be given consistent, simple and clear messages</li> <li>Senior management team to monitor official advice carefully and Commercial Manager to update all policies and procedures</li> <li>Ensure leadership teams/local managers are briefed and kept up to date</li> <li>Managers to be wary of fake news and discourage the circulation of misinformation</li> <li>Keep staff informed – key messages and regular updates sent directly from the Managing Director which include the need for</li> </ul>	<p>No further action over and above current activities</p>	<p>Managing Director and Commercial Manager</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

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		<p>unwell staff or homeworking staff to stay at home, for frequent handwashing and for social distancing</p>				
<p><b>Communication</b> Threat to effective communications</p>	<p>The pandemic crisis threatens communications with clients/customers/ suppliers – such communications are vital in the re-establishment of business activities and procedures after a lockdown</p>	<p>After a lockdown the following safety arrangements should be applied to mitigate risks to communication systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Marketing Manager to oversee all outward facing communications (eg on customer website etc) to ensure messages are consistent, clear and reflect the customer focused and socially aware values of the organisation</li> <li>• Senior Management to revise and review communications strategies and plans</li> </ul>	<p>Continued Senior Management Team weekly meetings to discuss all communication requirements</p>	<p>Group Marketing Manager / Marketing Team</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p><b>Cyber Security</b> Cyber Security Risks</p>	<p>Cyber-security threats often accompany a crisis, including computer viruses, phishing and scam emails and coronavirus related “ransomware”</p> <p>With the organisation and individual staff more reliant</p>	<p>The following safety arrangements should be applied to mitigate cyber risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review cyber security and surveillance infrastructure and ensure that all reasonable protection is in place</li> <li>• Circulate warnings to staff and managers of any credible cyber</li> </ul>	<p>Group IT Manager to review all cyber security risks and threats and take action to mitigate further against these risks</p> <p>Review cyber security insurance cover</p>	<p>Group IT Manager</p> <p>Managing Director /</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Review at next renewal</p>	

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	<p>than ever on digital communications and the internet, and with more staff working from home and using a variety of digital devices, the need to ensure the security and function of our digital systems is more important than ever</p>	<p>threats, especially scam emails and text messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that staff working from home and using remote working systems are covered by cyber-risk protections</li> <li>• Ensure any homeworking arrangements maintain standards of data protection and IT security</li> <li>• Ensure that existing cyber-security systems do not interfere with the availability of critical safety information and updates relating to coronavirus</li> <li>• Assess cyber risks to new supply chain connections developed during the crisis</li> </ul>	<p>requirements</p>	<p>Commercial Manager</p>	<p>August 2021</p>	

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