

Statement of Policy

The Board of EPUT is committed to the provision of a safe place of work and a healthy working environment for all employees, clients, visitors, contractors, volunteers and those affected by, or involved in, the Trust's activities. The Trust will at least meet, and seek to exceed, the standards set for Health and Safety – including Fire Safety - as stipulated by English and European legislation and will allocate sufficient resources to do so. This document describes the structure of the Trust and details the arrangements in place to manage Fire Safety within the Trust to ensure this commitment can be achieved.

This policy states the responsibilities of Directors, Managers, Supervisors, and all Staff for Fire Safety issues within the Trust. Whilst the Trust has made clear its commitment to promote Health and Safety (including Fire Safety), it cannot work alone. All staff have a duty to take reasonable care for the Health and Safety - including Fire Safety - of themselves, that of the people around them, the work environment, and the buildings and equipment provided.

The Trust will provide such information, instruction, training and supervision in Fire Safety as is appropriate to the work involved.

The effectiveness of Fire Safety will be monitored by Audit Systems. These systems may be internal or external. Effectiveness will also be monitored via Trust Quality and Safety Groups, the corporate Health, Safety and Security Committee, the corporate Integrated Quality and Governance Committee and ultimately by the Trust Board.

Where Trust staff share accommodation with other services, e.g. Local Authorities, Social Services, etc., the Landlord and/or managing agents or lead service (as agreed between all parties) in that premises shall take responsibility for Fire Safety within the building/premises.

This Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Signed



Chief Executive Officer, for and on behalf of the Trust

Date: 18/03/2019