

RIVERMEAD COURT

Plumbing Contractor Awareness Notice

Notice to contractors working on any of the hot and cold water systems within flats or the common areas.

It is important that all personnel involved in carrying out altering or installing new plumbing works that may expose them to the water systems within the buildings are competent and have received training on Legionella awareness and aware of their responsibilities and safety requirements.

As bacteria has previously been found in the water supply system at Rivermead Court, and a full cleaning of the water systems has been carried out, it is essential the following criteria are followed to avoid possible exposure and re-introduction of any bacteria into the system:

- When undertaking plumbing works, all new pipe work must be chlorinated/sterilised before it is connected to the hot/cold water services to prevent contamination.
- All work carried out is to be compliant with HSE L8 document.
- Ensure that basins, baths, WC cisterns, showers etc. that are not used on a daily basis are flushed for at least five minutes before starting work on them.
- Breathing in contaminated droplets can possibly cause infection. Avoid creating spray and inhaling water mist, steam, or vapour when using any water sources. When running taps, avoid creating spray or running water fast into buckets etc. that may create splashing of water, especially taps or showers, that are not regularly used or where the occupants have been away.
- If working with water supplies and there is a risk you may be exposed to water vapour, mist, steam or inhalable form of water, it is strongly advised to take appropriate precautions and wear appropriate respiratory PPE as a basic safety measure. As a minimum wear a disposable FFP3 mask as protection during the works.
- All domestic water fittings shall be WRAS approved.
- High quality full bore lever action isolation valves shall be installed up stream of any outlet.
- In accordance with HSG 274 section 2.35 EDPM lined flexible hoses shall not be installed. Soft copper tails should be installed in lieu where required.
- All shower installations shall have provision for overriding the pre-set temperatures to allow flushing at full temperature weekly.
- Shower or other booster pumps are not generally accepted apart from the 7th floor. Written consent is required for any replacement or new installations.
- All mixing valves shall be installed with easily serviceable strainers and non-return valves. Particular care must be taken when a mixing valve is connected to the mains cold water due to the pressure differential.
- Do not attempt to close/interfere with any communal valves outside the flat. If isolation of communal supplies is required, report to the portage staff for assistance.
- If you experience any possible symptoms, seek medical help right away.

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