



RISK ASSESSMENT FOR STUDENTS OVER 18 IN RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

This Risk Assessment covers the situation where students over 18 are sharing residential accommodation with students under 18.

Although we do not normally enrol students over 18 onto residential courses there could be circumstances where this will happen.

This Risk Assessment is written in the context that over 18s are adults and will be sharing facilities with under 18 year olds who are legally children.

These 18 year old students have been accepted onto our residential courses; they are part of the same cohort as other students who are not yet 18.

Where we decide to accept students over 18 onto residential courses with students under 18 we manage the bulk of risks by expecting these students to behave in the same way as the under 18s; even though they are legally adults. For example they are not allowed to drink alcohol or to smoke. This agreement forms part of our accepting the students onto the courses. We will deal with individual parental request forms on a case by case basis but will make decisions in the best interests of all the students at the residential centre rather than one particular group. Students who are over 18, and accepted onto the course, will still be studying in full time school education at the same level as other students on the programme.

| Brief Description: Over 18s mixing with u18s | | | | Assessors | Date | | | |
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| Hazard: <i>List what could cause harm from this activity</i> | Persons at Risk: <i>List who might be harmed e.g. staff, students, visitors</i> | Risk Factor: <i>For each hazard, decide level of risk as if you were to do the activity without controls</i> | | | Control Measures Required: <i>For each hazard list measures you will be taking to minimise the risk identified e.g. appointing incompetent persons, training received, planning and try-outs, use of personal protective equipment.</i> | Residual Risk: <i>For each hazard now decide the residual risk after the control measures are in place</i> | | |
| | | Severity | Likelihood | Risk | | Severity | Likelihood | Risk |
| Inappropriate contact with under 18s | Students and Staff | 4 | 2 | Medium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make rules clear to students at induction. Making sure all students follow the same rules and understand that, although over 18, they are expected to follow the same rules as other students. | 3 | 1 | Low |

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| Setting inappropriate examples for under 18s – the likelihood that u18s will behave inappropriately Students not understanding our legal responsibilities | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 18's will not be in the same boarding room as under 18's – unless specifically requested for same sex family members. | | | |
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