# Housing First COVID-19 Risk Assessment (Coronavirus)

## Company name: Turning Lives Around

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| What are the hazards? | Who might be harmed and how? | What are you already doing to control the risks? | What further action do you need to take to control the risks? | Who needs to carry out the action? | When is the action needed by? | Done |
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| **Biological hazard (specifically COVID-19)**  | Risk of infection to both clients and employees when carrying out support visits | **Essential visits only**Support to be provided to clients over the telephone unless in the following circumstances:* To provide a food parcel
* In response to a safeguarding / risk concern that cannot be dealt with over the phone.
* To support a client moving in/out of a property

Clients will be reminded of covid guidelines and restrictions during telephone contact**Social Distancing** If a visit is required to a client address, support workers will contact the client beforehand to ensure the client has no covid symptoms.Support tasks should be carried out on the doorstep if appropriate. If it is necessary to enter the property, support workers must wear a face mask and gloves and wash/sanitise hands immediately after leaving the property.Whilst inside the property, windows and doors must remain open to ensure adequate ventilation and two meter distance should be maintained from the client.**PPE** Support Workers have been provided with hand sanitiser, gloves and face masks. These are ordered centrally by the admin team.**Update 13.10.2020** **Car Sharing** Support workers should avoid car sharing with other employees and clients where possible.Transport for clients should only be provided for essential trips only and PPE must be worn by both parties.Support workers should follow the organisation car sharing guidance which states:Considerations for car sharing:* open windows for ventilation
* travel side-by-side or behind other people, rather than facing them, where seating arrangements allow
* consider seating arrangements to maximise the distance between people in the vehicle
* face coverings to be worn at all times

 **Update May 2021**Essential visit only replaced with ‘Is it safe to visit my client’ approach as per organsiational roadmap.Introduction of lateral flow tests for employees to use regularly.Both Housing First Support Workers are vaccinated.**Update Jan 2022**Housing First support workers are completing home visits with additional PPE in place. All support workers are vaccinated and are following the guidance on social distancing and lateral flow tests.Support workers are encouraged to regularly disinfect their car touch areas including door handles, steering wheel and gear stick.  |  |  |  | . |
|  | Risk of infection from colleagues in the office environment | **Work from home arrangements**Support Workers have been provided with the necessary ICT equipment to allow them to work from home.Team Meetings and supervisions are being carried out virtually**Update Jan 2022**Some meetings have recommenced face to face with consideration to the physical restrictions of the space including ventilation and the maximum number of individual’s permitted in the room and guidance is followed in regards to the latest government guidelines. | DSE Assessments to be completed by support workers | Support Workers |  |  |
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