

Wellbeing Policy

Introduction

The Company has developed a wellbeing policy to manage its obligations to maintain the mental health and wellbeing of all staff. It covers the Company's commitment to employee and worker health, the responsibilities of managers and others for maintaining psychological health, health promotion initiatives, communicating and training on health issues, the range of support available for the maintenance of mental health, and organisational commitment to handling individual issues.

Objectives

The aim of this policy is to describe the Interr's commitment to the mental health and wellbeing of staff in its broadest, holistic sense, setting out how the Company fulfils its legal obligations, the responsibilities of different functions and specialists and the range of services available to help staff maintain health and wellbeing. The Company recognises that wellbeing and performance are linked. Improving staff's ability to handle pressure and to balance work and home life will ultimately lead to improved individual and organisational performance.

Company commitment

The Company has legal obligations under health and safety legislation to manage risks to the health and safety of its staff. In addition to reducing safety risks, this means operating the business in a way that minimises harm to its staff's mental health, for example by ensuring that the demands of jobs are not unacceptable and having policies and procedures in place to support individuals experiencing mental ill health at work.

The Company will put in place measures to prevent and manage risks to staff wellbeing, together with appropriate training and individual support. It will also seek to foster a mentally healthy culture by incorporating these principles into line manager training and running regular initiatives to raise awareness of mental health issues at work.

Responsibilities

Organisation

The Company has a legal duty of care to employees and workers to ensure health at work, as set out in the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999. The organisation will ensure that its policies and practices reflect this duty and review the operation of these documents at regular intervals.

Line managers

Line managers will put in place measures to minimise the risks to staff wellbeing, particularly from negative pressure at work. For example, managers should ensure that staff understand their role within the team and receive the necessary information and support from managers and team members to do their job. Managers must also familiarise themselves with the Company's policies on diversity and tackling inappropriate behaviour to support staff, for example on bullying and harassment issues.

In particular, line managers must ensure that they take steps to reduce the risks to staff health and wellbeing by:

- ensuring that the right people are recruited to the right jobs and that a good match is obtained between individuals recruited and job descriptions/specifications
- keeping the team up to date with developments at work and how these might affect their job and workload
- ensuring that staff know who to approach with problems concerning their role and how to pursue issues with senior management
- making sure jobs are designed fairly and that work is allocated appropriately between teams and
- ensuring that work stations are regularly assessed to ensure that they are appropriate and fit for purpose.

Employees

You must take responsibility for your own health and wellbeing, by adopting good health behaviours (for example in relation to diet, alcohol consumption and smoking) and informing the Company if you believe work or the work environment poses a risk to your health.

If you believe that your work, or some aspect of it, is putting your wellbeing at risk you should, in the first instance, speak to your line manager or the HR department. The discussion should cover workload and other aspects of job demands, and raise issues such as identified training needs.

A referral to the occupational health team may be made if this is considered appropriate after your initial discussion with your manager or the HR department. Discussions between you and the occupational health professionals would be confidential, although the occupational health team is likely to provide a report on your fitness to work, and any recommended adaptations to the working environment, to the HR department.

Any health-related information disclosed by you during discussions with managers, the HR department or the occupational health service is treated in confidence.

Human Resources

The HR department will develop Company-wide policies and procedures to protect the wellbeing of staff, assist line managers in supporting individuals, and liaise as appropriate with occupational health and other medical professionals, with the object of helping employees and workers to maintain good psychological health.

Training and communication

Line managers and staff will regularly discuss individual training needs to ensure that staff have the necessary skills to adapt to ever-changing job demands. An examination of training needs will be particularly important prior to, and during, periods of organisational change.

Managers and staff are encouraged to participate in communication and feedback exercises, including site visits/phone calls and/or staff surveys. You are expected to be aware of the importance of effective communication and to use the media most appropriate to the message, for example team meetings, one-to-one meetings, electronic communications and organisation-wide methods. The Company ensures that structures exist to give employees and workers regular feedback on their performance, and for them to raise concerns.

The Company will consider special communication media during periods of organisational change.

Other measures

Relationship with other policies

This Wellbeing Policy should be read in conjunction with other policies and procedures covering attendance and health, including any policies on Flexible Working, Absence, Sick Pay, Harassment & Bullying, Time off for Dependents, Grievance, Parental Leave, Violence at work, Equality & Diversity and Training

Policy Review

This policy may be amended by Interr at any time to take into account changes in legislation and best practice. This policy was last reviewed and agreed by the Board and seeks to be reviewed and updated annually. Any queries arising regarding this policy should be addressed to Mick Tabori.



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