



## Health and Safety Policy

### 1. Policy Statement

Immerse Medical Training LTD recognises that good health and safety management supports the safe delivery of quality services. We are committed to providing and maintaining a healthy and safe working environment for all our employees, and in ensuring that their work does not adversely affect the health and safety of other people such as candidates/learners, visitors and other users of our services.

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### 2. Purpose/Aims

- To comply with requirements of relevant legislation;
- To identify hazards (the potential for harm), assess risks (the likelihood of that harm being realised) and manage those risks;
- To ensure that employees (and others as appropriate) are adequately informed of the identified risks and where appropriate receive instruction, training and supervision;
- To consult with employees' and/or their representatives on health and safety matters;
- To provide and maintain safe and healthy premises and work equipment;
- To ensure that employees are competent to do their tasks, providing training where necessary;
- To maintain appropriate health and safety management systems and arrangements;
- To monitor and review the effectiveness of the safety management systems and arrangements and where appropriate implement improvements.

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### 3. Scope

This policy applies to all areas of Immerse Medical Training LTD and all individuals employed by the company, including employees, contractors and apprentices. It also applies to any candidates and learners registered for a qualification and affected by the working practices of our employees.

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### 4. Roles and Responsibilities

#### **The Board of Directors have overall responsibility for:**

- Ensuring that the Company's Health and Safety Policy is implemented effectively by its managers, team leaders and other employees.
- Ensuring that robust health and safety management systems and arrangements exist.
- Supporting the Health and Safety Lead and their assistants in meeting their health & safety responsibilities.

#### **The Health & Safety Lead, Health & Safety Assistants are responsible for:**

- Bringing the policy to the attention of employees through the induction and appraisal processes and ensuring that they and other employees have adequate levels of competency to complete their work tasks safely;
- Keep up to date on developments in health and safety legislation and practice and report changes to Directors and the management team;
- Identifying the hazards and relevant legislation applying to the company and assessing the associated risks (see risk assessment policy);
- Planning and implementing arrangements to eliminate or control significant risks and to comply with the relevant legislation by ensuring all work-related hazards are identified and suitable and sufficient risk assessments are undertaken;
- Developing local procedures and safe working practices;
- Monitoring the above arrangements to ensure that they are working effectively;
- Recording the significant findings of their risk assessments in an appropriate manner;
- Ensuring that employees are involved and consulted on relevant health and safety matters in good time and ensure that their views are considered;
- Reviewing the health and safety performance of the company annually and provide a summary of that review to the board of directors;
- Reporting to the Board of Directors any situation where the standards set out in the Company's General Statement of Health and Safety Policy cannot be implemented.
- Receive accident and incident reports, investigate and report under RIDDOR as appropriate, compile and analyse accident and incident data (see accident at work policy);

- Revising the policy as necessary to ensure that it remains valid with the Development Manager;

**All employees are responsible for:**

- Taking reasonable care of their own health and safety and that of others affected by their acts or omissions;
- Co-operating with the Health & Safety Team and management team so far as is necessary to enable the risks to be controlled and achieve compliance with relevant legislation;
- Using all work equipment and substances in accordance with the instruction and training received;
- Not intentionally misusing anything provided in the interests of health, safety and welfare; and
- Reporting to the Health & Safety Team, their supervisor or manager any health and safety problem which they cannot deal with themselves or any shortcoming they consider to be in the health, safety and welfare arrangements.

**Additional to employee responsibilities Team Leaders are responsible for:**

- Carrying out risk assessments for their assessment teams such as DSE, Lone Working and Manual Handling.
- Bringing the policy to the attention of employees through the induction and appraisal processes and ensuring that they and other employees have adequate levels of competency to complete their work tasks safely;
- Keep up to date on developments in health and safety legislation and practice

**Additional to employee responsibilities the Managing Director, as the Health & Safety Lead is responsible for:**

- Managing Health and Safety for the company assisted by the Health & Safety Officers
- Carrying out risk assessments for the Business Support Team such as DSE, Lone Worker and Manual Handling



- Ensuring premises risk assessments are completed as appropriate by the Health and Safety Team
- Chairing a Quarterly Health and Safety Meeting

## **Additional to employee responsibilities assessors are responsible for:**

- Ensuring allocated candidates/learners are:
  - Informed of this policy at induction
  - Informed of health and safety risk assessments that could impact on them
  - Notified of changes in health and safety policies and procedures that affect them
- Ensuring candidate/learner work place assessments are carried out appropriately (see risk assessment policy)

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### **5. Policy Implementation - Procedures**

#### **5.1 Candidates/Learners in our assessment centre:**

Are introduced to premises layout, health & safety requirements, fire drills, welfare provision and first aid procedures during induction or in their first session in the building.

#### **5.2 Candidates/Learners in the workplace:**

All workplaces are risk assessed and rated low, medium or high risk. Only workplaces demonstrating a satisfactory approach to health & safety are used for meetings and assessments.

We ask that candidates/students are allocated supervisors/mentors who can responsibly oversee their activities in a safe way.

Adverse findings are investigated and actioned.

We require all trainers/assessors to have a DBS check prior to meeting vulnerable groups.

#### **5.3 Accident and near miss reporting**

See Accident at Work Policy.

#### **5.4 Lone Workers**

Lone workers are categorised as employees working within a training centre separately from others (e.g. isolated training room) or those who are mobile working away from their training centre (e.g. carrying out observations or meetings in the candidates/student's workplace).

It is our policy to give instruction & training to such employees which minimises or eliminates the risk of danger or harm as part of the induction process.

All employees are asked to accept that they have a responsibility to take reasonable care of themselves and others affected by their working practices.

The risk assessment in regard to lone working is completed by the employee's line manager and is evidenced in writing and retained in the head office.

The HSE "Working Alone in Safety" booklet is made available on request.

### **5.3 Maternity**

A risk assessment of the employee's working environment is carried out by the Line Manager: immediately we are formally informed of the pregnancy

at mid-term

on return to work

The health & well-being of the employee is regularly monitored by the line manager throughout the pregnancy and adjustments made as necessary.

### **5.4 First Aid**

The Health & Safety Lead and Officers are the Centres appointed people for first aid and are required to complete the appropriate First Aid at Work qualifications.



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### Reviews

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