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RTPI

Face to Face Events Covid Recovery Risk Assessment

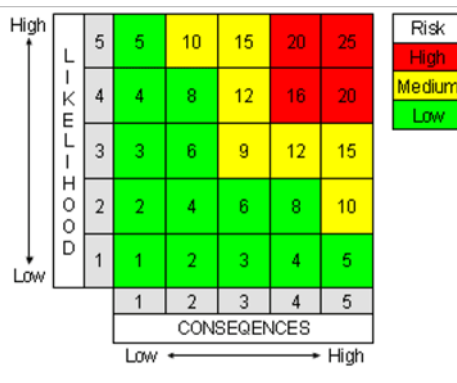
Risk Assessment Assumptions

- Highly infectious respiratory pathogens causing a threat of serious illness or death continue to be freely circulating.
- The main source of infection is airborne transmission between people in inside spaces but surface contamination is another recognised source.
- Government vaccinations programmes offer a high degree of protection but are not guaranteed to be 100% effective in preventing infection and transmission.
- Vaccinations are not compulsory so not all individuals will have taken advantage of the protection they offer.
- The current government COVID vaccination programme offers protection against variants of the virus currently in circulation. New emerging strains may appear that are resistant to current vaccines.
- Long term efficacy of vaccines is not known so further booster vaccination programmes may be required.

Overall Risk Level Assessment – **HIGH**. There is an ongoing serious risk to health from respiratory pathogens through airborne or surface infection.

Assessing current risk *

Use the matrix below to assess risk.



Residual risk/reality check

Think about the reality of the situation, does the risk rely on the behaviour of people to follow the procedures, i.e. follow fire exit signs.

Risk identified	Impact (What / Who)	Actions in place to control risks	Current Risk	Further actions required to control risks	Residual Risk	Responsibility	Timing	Status
Participants own personal travel to the meeting point – contact with members of the public with unknown vaccine and infection status.	Contact with other people	Encourage participants to follow relevant government and transport company guidelines on social distancing	High	Encourage the wearing of face masks. Encourage participants to take a lateral flow test before attending and that they have had both vaccinations	Medium	Participants		
Walking along public roads with or without pavement – risk of collision with vehicles	Injury to people	Leaders to use pavements and traffic crossing points where possible. Delegates encouraged to follow highway code.	Medium	Leaders to monitor participant movements. Limit attendance at the event	Low	Participants/Leaders		
Walking along footpaths which may be uneven	Injury to people	Participants encouraged to keep to the marked paths and encouraged to wear suitable footwear	Low	Leaders to monitor path and flag any significant uneven area/trip hazards	Low	Participants/Leaders		
Contact with other participants and public with	Contact with other people	Maintain the walk outside to allow social distancing /	High	Encourage participants to take a lateral flow test before attending and that they have had both	Medium	Participants		

unknown vaccine and infection status		wear face masks When finished at the pub, encourage participants to sit outside and maintain distancing.		vaccinations. Limit attendance at the event				
Inability to contact individuals who may have been exposed to a positive case	Attendee catches COVID/spreads COVID	Limit numbers Only those who have booked can attend and will be required to provide their contact details.	Medium	Contact details collected from anyone who turns up unexpectedly	Low	RTPI Organiser and Leader		
Fatigue and dehydration	Unwell participants	All participants to bring a suitable bottle of water. Inform participants of the likely distance to be walked.	Low	Bring spare bottles of water.	Low	Participants		
Participants become lost	Lost participant	Delegates checked in and out of walk. Leaders to keep group together but maintain social distancing. Delegates encouraged to bring a mobile phone and download the WhatThreeWords App	Low	Contact details and emergency contact details collated from all participants. All participants to be given contact details of 2 leaders. Leaders to all have mobile phones and have the WhatThreeWords App	Low	Participants/Leaders		
Lyme disease Weils disease	Unwell participants	Participants encouraged to keep to marked paths and	High	Weils disease can be contracted through water. Advise attendees to wash hands before	Low	Participants/Leaders		

		water sources.		eating. Advise on symptoms and action to take if symptoms arise.				
Attack by dogs or other animals/livestock	Injury to participants	Walkers to stay in one group and be aware of dogs off lead / livestock	Low	Event leader to highlight when entering any areas of known grazing livestock. Lead to carry a first aid kit.	Low			
Insect bites and stings	Injury to participants	Participants advised to wear long sleeves and trousers	Medium	Participants encouraged to check exposed body parts and the end of the event. Participants made aware of Lyme Disease Symptoms. Participants encouraged to contact GP if any symptoms in 24 hours after the event. Leader to have a first aid kit available.	Medium			
Changes to weather	Injury to participants	Delegates advised to wear or bring suitable clothing and footwear	Medium	Weather forecast checked ahead of event and on the day. Event closed or stopped immediately if adverse conditions are predicted or suddenly change.	Low			