SOUTH WALES POLICE – GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT

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| **RISK ASSESSMENT:** Regional Information Security Manager |  | LOCATION: South Wales Police  REFERENCE: |

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| REVIEWED BY:  COMPLETED BY:  DATE: |  | OTHER RELEVANT RISK ASSESSMENTS:   * Officers on patrol – published in Police Driving Policy * Mobile Patrol in Marked Vehicles and Motorcycle Duties– published in Briefing/Debriefing Policy * Local RA by NOMS |

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| 1. | Office work | Ill health and stress if accommodation is overcrowded or unsafe | L | * Assess accommodation under Workplace and Fire Regulations * Provision of furniture and equipment suitable and necessary for the role. |  |  |  |
| 2. | Interviewing / debriefing of prisoners; suspects  or witnesses on prison premises | Possibility of assault | L | Consider need for:   * Interview to take place in room with furniture and alarm system * Presence of additional Prison Intelligence officer or prison staff |  |  |  |

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| 3. | Enquiries at scene of crime and search of cells | Injury and ill health from environmental conditions | L | Consider potential hazards and whether:   * professional health and safety advice is required * searches should be undertaken by specialist search team * personal protective clothing is required * Guidance / advice / support from HMPS or SWP staff |  |  |  |
| 4. | Health hazards – infestation | Possibility of infestation, eg lice, blood from computers etc | L | * awareness training * limit physical contact with prisoners and other likely carriers * delousing facilities, showers and changes of clean clothing to be available for prisoners in custody and officers * Protective gloves etc when handling contaminated computers |  |  |  |
| 5. | Dealing with violence from | Death or injury from violent attack | L | Training to be given in control and restraint techniques (DC Only) |  |  |  |

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|  | suspects at scenes ( |  |  | In light of threat assessment consider need:   * to be accompanied * carry defensive baton * wear body armour |  |  |  |

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| 6. | Being based full time within a prison environment | Exposure to hostile prisoners | L | Attendance on a nationally accredited PIO’s course (prison familiarisation)  Spending induction time of 2 – 3 weeks with current PIO’s (prison familiarisation) |  |  |  |
| 7. | Working within office environment | Physical and mental stress. | M | * Safe systems of work for operating administrative support equipment; printer/photocopier. * Adequate lighting and heating. |  |  | No action required – necessary requirements in place |
| 8. | Driving – Use of Police Vehicles & Own Vehicle whilst on duty and engaged on Police Business | Road Traffic Collisions | M | * Consideration that Officers have received driver training commensurate with role. * Eyesight examinations via FMA in compliance with Force Policy. * Officers must be aware of Police Vehicle Incident procedures in respect of reporting collisions. |  |  | No action required – necessary requirements in place |

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|  | 9. | Use of Computer (VDU) Equipment | Back, neck, shoulder discomfort, eye strain, repetitive strain injury, headaches, fatigue, stress, etc. | M | Carry out assessment of Display Screen Equipment with each user under H & S Regulations 1992.  Provide staff with regular breaks and changes in activity.  Inform any fault with equipment to Technician - (flickers/glare, etc).  Change position of display screen or key boards.  Provide chairs with suitable back and arm rests.  Monitor sickness levels and liaise with the Health Care and Safety Team if necessary. Encourage staff to raise concerns.  Change or alter equipment when/if staff change or layout of office alters.  Ensure staff are aware of the entitlement to request eyesight tests. Provide those who request an eyesight with any corrective spectacles or appliances which may be prescribed for VDU use by the option. | | |  |  | No action required – all risks dealt with and necessary requirements in place. |
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