

St Endellion Legionella Policy Statement

Policy statement

This policy has been developed to ensure an effective system for the management and control of Legionella bacteria in hot and cold-water systems is in place within the relevant St Endellion Parish Council buildings.

St Endellion Parish Council will undertake to ensure compliance with the relevant legislation with regard to the control of Legionella in hot and cold-water systems for all visitors and will always strive to meet best practice. Wherever possible it will take steps to ensure that as far as is reasonably practicable measures are in place to prevent the risk of Legionella.

Definition

Legionella is a generic term for a type of bacteria which is common in natural and artificial water systems. Legionellosis is the name given to a group of pneumonia like illnesses caused by Legionella.

General information

Legionella bacteria is commonly found in water. The bacteria multiply where temperatures are between 20° - 45°C and nutrients are available. The bacteria are dormant below 20°C and do not survive above 60°C.

St Endellion Parish Council will ensure that:

- Relevant risk assessments are carried out every 2 years and that any required control measures are implemented
- Legionella awareness training is provided to relevant person/s
- The Legionella responsible person is appointed and carries out the tasks as defined below
- The Contract & Maintenance Supervisor is informed of any problems with water or the water system

Risk assessment

Assessment of risk is mostly confined to:

- Correct water temperatures being maintained for hot and cold-water systems

Control measures

Effective control measures will require St Endellion Parish Council to:

- Monitor any water outlets that are not in regular use
- This policy will be reviewed annually and in the event of changes in national government policy or procedures