

Futures Fire Risk Assessment

Futures Homescape, Community Centre
Pennytown Court: DE55 4TB, - UPRN: 9 / 173530 /
QA Approved / Andy Cloke

Complete

Flagged items

2

Actions

17

SITE NAME:

Futures Homescape,
Community Centre Pennytown
Court: DE55 4TB, - UPRN: 9, Fire
Risk Assessments, Futures
Homescape

PROPERTY IMAGE



Photo 1

UPRN:

9

JOB NUMBER:

173530

FRA COMPLETED BY:

Pennington Choices Limited

FIRE RISK ASSESSOR NAME:

Adrian Gallimore

INSPECTION DATE:

22 Aug 2023

REPORT STATUS:

QA Approved

REASSESSMENT PRIORITY

Medium - 2 Years

VALID TO: (QA Use Only)

8 Sep 2025

VALIDATION DATE: (QA Use Only)

8 Sep 2023

VALIDATED BY: (QA Use Only)

Andy Cloke

VALIDATOR'S SIGNATURE: (QA Use Only)



Photo 2

Flagged items & Actions

2 flagged, 17 actions

Flagged items

2 flagged, 0 actions

Assessment Risk Ratings / Premises Risk Rating

Accordingly, it is considered that the risk to life from fire at these premises is:

MODERATE

Assessment Risk Ratings

On satisfactory completion of all remedial works the risk rating of this building may be reduced to

TOLERABLE

Other actions

17 actions

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / A - Electrical Ignition Sources / A3

Is there a policy for personal electrical appliances (consider restrictions of communal supply points such as outlets and T pin outlets)?

Unknown

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A3

Management should confirm the policy on the use of personal electrical appliances within the community centre and ensure that it is communicated to centre users

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / F - Lightning / F1

Does the building have a lightning protection system?

No

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F1

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Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / G - Housekeeping / G1

Are combustible materials kept away from any sources of ignition, including gas and electrical intake cupboards?

Unknown

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G1

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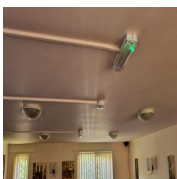


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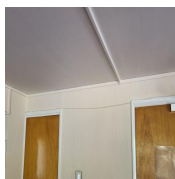


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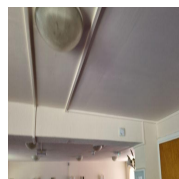


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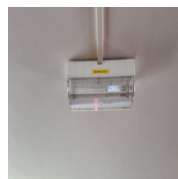


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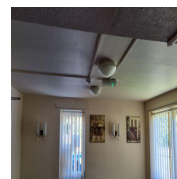


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K12

Management is to consider the requirements of the Regulation 521.10.202 of the BS 7671 - 18th Edition The IET Wiring Regulations which requires all cables to be adequately supported using non-combustible fixings to prevent premature collapse in the event of a fire albeit not retrospective and seek the advice of a suitably qualified competent person or organisation and undertake any remediation identified by the aforementioned competent person or organisation.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / M - Common Area Fire Doors / M1

Are all common area fire door and frames in good condition and appropriately fire rated?

Unknown

It was not possible to establish fire rating of the laundry and kitchen door. Doors are of 40mm width with self closure devices fitted. There is some damage to the laundry door by the door handle and hinges do not appear to be fire rated. There is also door labelled as a fire door off the foyer that was not accessible (see G1).

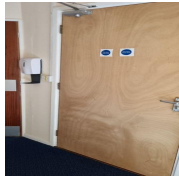


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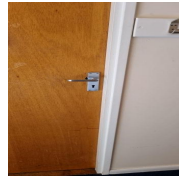


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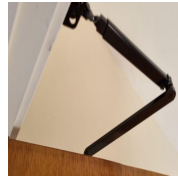


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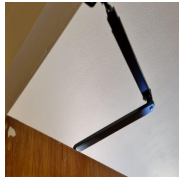


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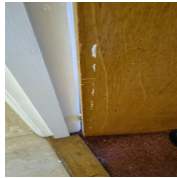


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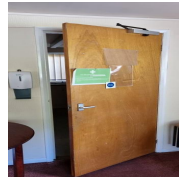


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M1

Management should confirm fire rating of the kitchen and laundry doors. Where doors are found not to be fire rated, there should be replaced with certified self closing fire door sets to FD30 specification. Any installation or repair should only be conducted by a certified third-party contractor.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / N - Emergency Lighting / N1

If emergency lighting is provided, is the coverage sufficient and in good repair? (Internal and external)

No

Emergency lighting is fitted throughout and coverage appears to be sufficient, however some units had red LED lights displayed indicating a fault / low battery life.



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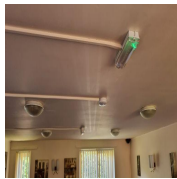


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N1

Management should inspect all emergency lighting. Any faults identified should be repaired.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / N - Emergency Lighting / N2

If EL not provided, is borrowed/artificial lighting sufficient for escape? (Internal and external)

No

No external emergency lighting was detected above the exit.



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N2

Management should ensure that an external emergency light bulk head is fitted to the exit.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / O - Fire Safety Signs and Notices / O1

Is there adequate provision of visible fire safety signs and notices? (Consider directional, exits, stairs, fire action notices, Fire door keep shut, fire equipment and 'do not use lift' signage)

No

There is a Fire Action Notice however, it is obscured by other notices and not completed. Fire door signs are attached to fire doors and illuminated sign above the exit is installed.

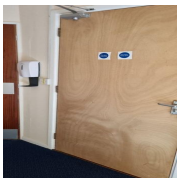


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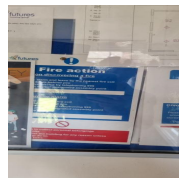


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O1

Management should ensure that the Fire Action Notice is clearly visible and properly completed.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / P - Means of Giving Warning in Case of Fire / P6

Where appropriate, are there adequate arrangements for silencing and resetting an alarm condition?

Unknown

It was not possible to establish the arrangements for silencing and resetting the AFD system.

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P6

Management should confirm the arrangements for silencing and resetting the AFD system and ensure that it is communicated to community centre users.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / Q - Measures to Limit Fire Spread and Development / Q5

Are electrics, including embedded meters, enclosed in fire rated construction?

Unknown

The electrical consumer unit is located within the kitchen. A small penetration was noted above. In addition, there is a cupboard located within the foyer that was not accessible. Refer to G1.



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Q5

Management should ensure that the penetration above the consumer unit is fire stopped with fire rated building materials. Fire stopping should only be conducted by a certified third-party contractor.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / Q - Measures to Limit Fire Spread and Development / Q13

Are all other fire spread/compartimentation issues satisfactory?

Unknown

The premise has a separate semi-detached property next door and a separate unconnected dwelling above as part of the local housing scheme. It was not possible to establish compartmentation between the community centre and dwellings.

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Q13

Management should ensure that compartmentation between the community centre and attached dwellings is sound.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / R - Fire Extinguishing Appliances / R1

If required, is there reasonable provision of accessible portable fire extinguishers?

No

There is 1 x 27A 9L Water and 2 x 2KG CO2 units installed. Extinguishers are maintained under service contract with Harmony. The last service was completed 02/23. In addition, community centre users are unlikely to be trained on the use of FFE and no signage is displayed to state 'only to be used by trained persons'.



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R1

Management should display signage at fire points to state 'extinguishers should only be used by trained persons'.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 2 / T - Procedures and Arrangements / T2

Has a competent person(s) been appointed to assist in undertaking the preventative and protective measures

Unknown

including in house checks?

It was not possible to ascertain if there is a competent person appointed for this property.

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T2

Management should confirm that there is a competent person in place to undertake the preventative and protective measures for this property.

Detailed Risk Assessment Part 1

1. General Information

1.1 FRA Type:	Type 1 (Non-Destructive)
1.2 Property Type:	Purpose Built Community Centre
1.3 Property Designation:	Community Centre
1.4 Responsible Person:	Lindsey Williams - CEO Futures Housing Group
1.5 No of Floors:	1
1.6 No of Flats (if applicable):	N/A
1.7 Ground Floor Area (m2):	171
1.8 Total Area of all Floors (m2)	171

The premises is a community centre with no dwellings.

1.9 Building Description:

Purpose built community centre. The entrance leads to small foyer with small laundry and cupboards. There is a separating door leading to the sitting room with a small kitchen leading off. There is one exit which is via the main entrance. There is a semi-detached bungalow adjoined and a dwelling above. Both properties are separate from the community centre with own access arrangements.

1.10 Building Construction:

Traditional brick built property with tiled pitched roof. Internal walls are solid with emulsion painted plaster. ceilings are emulsion painted plaster and floors solid.

1.11 Extent of common areas:

Entrance lobby, laundry, sitting room and kitchen.

1.12 Areas of the building to which access was not available:

There is a room from the foyer that was not accessible.

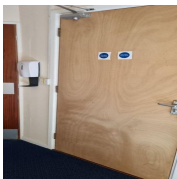


Photo 3

1.13 If applicable, state which flats were sample inspected:

N/A - The premise is a community centre.

2. The Occupants

2.1 Management Extent

Non Managed – eg GN

2.2 Details of any onsite Management

There were no management or staff on site at the time of assessment however, it is likely that a member of FHG staff will attend periodically to carry out routine checks and maintenance.

2.3 Person managing fire safety in the premises

Lindsey Williams, CEO, Futures Housing Group.

2.4 Person consulted during the fire risk assessment

No persons were consulted during the assessment.

2.5 Number of occupants (maximum estimated)

There were no persons onsite at the time of assessment and the community centre is rarely used by residents of the local housing scheme. The sitting room has seating for 33 persons at table with another 5 chairs available (38 persons in total).

2.6 Approximate maximum number of employees at any one time

No employees on site at the time of assessment. Refer to 2.2.

2.7 Number of members of the public (maximum estimated)

Refer to 2.5.

2.8 Identify any people who are especially at risk (Sleeping Occupants, Disabled Occupants, Occupants in remote areas and Lone Workers, Young Persons, Others)

The community centre is unlikely to have sleeping occupants or young children present unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible person. It is likely that community centre users may have varying disabilities however it is reasonable to assume that would be able to make their own way there or with the assistance of a carer or helper.

3. Fire Safety Legislation

3.1 The following fire safety legislation applies to these premises

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

3.2 The above legislation is enforced by

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

3.3 Other key fire safety legislation (other than Building Regs 2000)

None

3.4 The other legislation referred to above is enforced by

N/A

3.5 Guidance used as applicable to premises and occupation

Small & Medium Places of
Assembly

3.6 Is there an alteration or enforcement notice in force?

Unknown

None known to the assessor.

3.7 Fire loss experience (since last FRA)

Unknown

None known to the assessor. There was no evidence of fire loss or damage at the time of assessment.

A - Electrical Ignition Sources

1 action

A1

Is the fixed electrical installation periodically inspected and tested, (include dates if known)?

Yes

The label on consumer unit located within the kitchen confirmed that the fixed wiring was last tested in Feb 2020.



Photo 4

Policy Principle: FHG complete Fixed wire testing in line with current regulations every 5 years and complete an annual visual inspection on all properties.

A2

Is PAT testing in common areas carried out?

Yes

Labels on electrical appliances confirmed that PAT was last completed in November 2022.



Photo 5

Policy Principle: PAT testing is complete at the time of the visual inspection as mentioned above. All items in the communal areas will be tested.

A3

1 action

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Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Recommendation - No Timescale

A4

Is the use of adapters and leads limited?

N/A

No adaptors or leads were present at the time of assessment.

A5

Are there any PV cells installed and do they have the appropriate isolation systems and signage to assist the fire and rescue service?

N/A

None present.

B - Smoking Policies

B1

Are there suitable arrangements to prevent fire as a result from smoking?

Yes

Policy Principle: No smoking policy in all communal areas- signage displayed.

B2

Is the policy being adhered to and are "No smoking" signs provided in the common areas?

Yes

There was no evidence of illicit smoking at the time of assessment. No smoking signage is displayed.



Photo 6



Photo 7

C - Arson

C1

Are premises secure against arson by outsiders? (Please state how)

Yes

The premise is secured by standard security locks.

C2

**Are bins secured or fire loading stored in a suitable location?
(Please state bin type, location, if and how it is secured)**

Yes

There is a designated waste area away from the building. There was no waste identified within the community centre at the time of assessment.



Photo 8

D - Portable Heaters and Installations

D1

If used, is the use of portable heaters regarded as safe?

N/A

There were no portable heaters identified.

D2

Are fixed heating systems maintained annually?

Yes

Policy Principle: All Safety inspections carried out annually by qualified persons.

E - Cooking

E1

Are reasonable measures in place to prevent fires as a result of cooking, including replacing filter(where necessary)?

Yes

There is an electric cooker within the kitchen and a gas hob. The gas hob has been disconnected.



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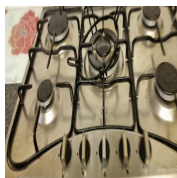


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F - Lightning

1 action

F1

1 action

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Policy Principle: No lightning protection policy in place

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

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G - Housekeeping

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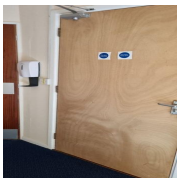


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Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

G2

Are the escape routes kept clear of items combustible materials or waste and free of any trip hazards?

Yes

Escape routes were clear at the time of assessment.

G3

1 action

Are mobility scooters or electric vehicles stored in the means of escape? If yes has an assessment been undertaken in line with the NFCC "Mobility Scooter Guidance for Residential Buildings"?

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Action/Recommendation Required?

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H - Hazards Introduced by Contractors

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H1

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Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

I - Dangerous Substances

I1

If dangerous substances are used, has a risk assessment been carried out as required by the Dangerous Substances and Explosives Atmospheres Regulations 2002 and are they stored correctly?

N/A

No dangerous substances were identified within common areas at the time of assessment. See Policy Principle.

Policy Principle: All contractors must submit RAMS for procurement processes, and these are reviewed annually by FHG. A specific risk assessment is to be completed for each job.

J - Other Significant Hazards

1 action

J1

1 action

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Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

J2

Are all issues deemed satisfactory? [2]

N/A

There were no additional significant hazards identified at the time of assessment.

K - Means of Escape

1 action

K1

Is the escape route design deemed satisfactory? (Consider current design codes)

Yes

The escape route is satisfactory.

K2

Is the fire-resisting construction (including any glazing) protecting escape routes and staircases of a suitable standard and maintained in sound condition?

Yes

Walls are solid plastered with emulsion painted finish. The ceiling is emulsion painted plaster. Floors are of solid construction. Glass to the separating doors is fire rated.

K3

Is there adequate provision of exits (including exit Widths) for the numbers who may be present?

Yes

There is one exit which is via the main entrance. Door widths to the separating door and the final exits are 800mm.

K4

Are doors on escape routes easily opened? (and are sliding or revolving doors avoided?)

Yes

The exit door has a thumb turn lock fitted.

K5

Do final exits open in the direction of escape where necessary?

Yes

The exit opens in the direction of travel.

K6

Are travel distances satisfactory? (consider single direction and more than one direction, property risk profile and occupancy characteristics)

Yes

Travel distances are acceptable.

K7

Are there suitable precautions for all inner rooms?

N/A

There are no inner room scenarios.

K8

Are escape routes separated where appropriate?

Yes

There is a separating door which separates the foyer from the sitting room. The door is in good condition with self closure device fitted.

K9

Are corridors sub-divided where appropriate?

N/A

Not required.

K10

Do escape routes lead to a place of safety?

Yes

Both the front and rear exits lead to the external environment.

K11

Are the stairs and/or lobbies provided with adequate ventilation? (If considered satisfactory, please state provision)

Yes

The community centre has openable windows and doors fitted.

K12

1 action

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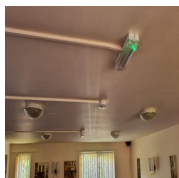


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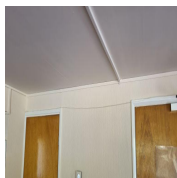


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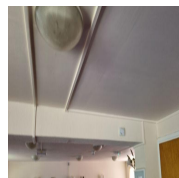


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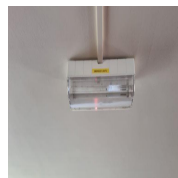


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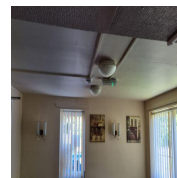


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K12

Management is to consider the requirements of the Regulation 521.10.202 of the BS 7671 - 18th Edition The IET Wiring Regulations which requires all cables to be adequately supported using

non-combustible fixings to prevent premature collapse in the event of a fire albeit not retrospective and seek the advice of a suitably qualified competent person or organisation and undertake any remediation identified by the aforementioned competent person or organisation.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Recommendation - No Timescale

L - Flat Entrance Doors

L1

Are the sample inspection flat entrance door or doors in good condition and appropriately fire rated?

N/A

The premise is a community centre that has no dwellings attached.

M - Common Area Fire Doors

1 action

M1

1 action

Are all common area fire door and frames in good condition and appropriately fire rated?

Unknown

It was not possible to establish fire rating of the laundry and kitchen door. Doors are of 40mm width with self closure devices fitted. There is some damage to the laundry door by the door handle and hinges do not appear to be fire rated. There is also door labelled as a fire door off the foyer that was not accessible (see G1).

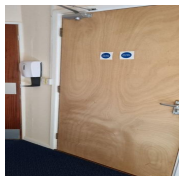


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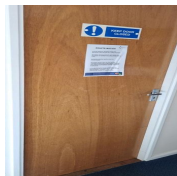


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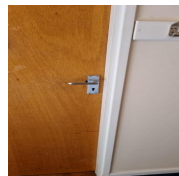


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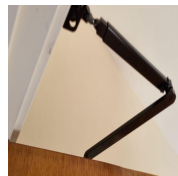


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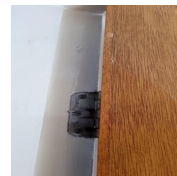


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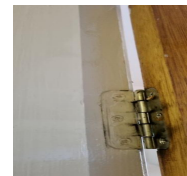


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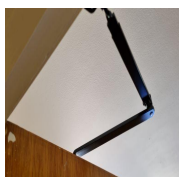


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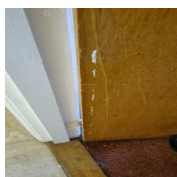


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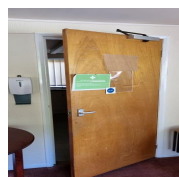


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M1

Management should confirm fire rating of the kitchen and laundry doors. Where doors are found not to be fire rated, there should be replaced with certified self closing fire door sets to FD30 specification. Any installation or repair should only be conducted by a certified third-party contractor.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

N - Emergency Lighting

2 actions

N1

1 action

If emergency lighting is provided, is the coverage sufficient and in good repair? (Internal and external)

No

Emergency lighting is fitted throughout and coverage appears to be sufficient, however some units had red LED lights displayed indicating a fault / low battery life.



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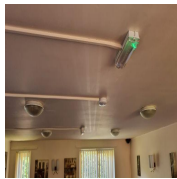


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N1

Management should inspect all emergency lighting. Any faults identified should be repaired.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

N2

1 action

If EL not provided, is borrowed/artificial lighting sufficient for escape? (Internal and external)

No

No external emergency lighting was detected above the exit.



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N2

Management should ensure that an external emergency light bulk head is fitted to the exit.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

O - Fire Safety Signs and Notices

1 action

O1

1 action

Is there adequate provision of visible fire safety signs and notices? (Consider directional, exits, stairs, fire action notices, Fire door keep shut, fire equipment and 'do not use lift' signage)

No

There is a Fire Action Notice however, it is obscured by other notices and not completed. Fire door signs are attached to fire doors and illuminated sign above the exit is installed.

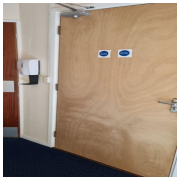


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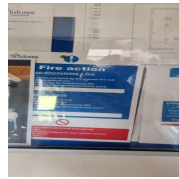


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O1

Management should ensure that the Fire Action Notice is clearly visible and properly completed.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Low - 12 Months

O2

Wayfinding Signage (buildings over 11 metres in height). Are there clear markings for flat and floor recognition provided?

N/A

Not required.

P - Means of Giving Warning in Case of Fire

1 action

P1

Is a reasonable fire detection and fire alarm system provided in the common areas, where necessary?

Yes

There is no manual fire alarm system however hard-wired smoke / heat detection is installed to all rooms.

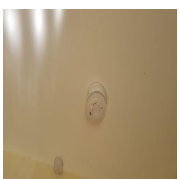


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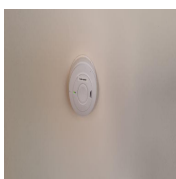


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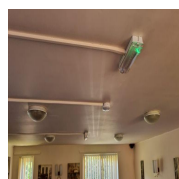


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P2

If installed, is the common area AFD adequate for the occupancy and fire risk?

Yes

AFD is adequate.

P3

If not installed, are the premises deemed safe without a common area AFD system?

N/A

AFD is installed.

P4

If there is a communal fire detection and fire alarm system, does it extend into the dwellings?

N/A

No dwellings present.

P5

Where appropriate, has a fire alarm zone plan been provided?

N/A

Not required - Hard-wired smoke / heat detection only installed.

P6

1 action

Where appropriate, are there adequate arrangements for silencing and resetting an alarm condition?

Unknown

It was not possible to establish the arrangements for silencing and resetting the AFD system.

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P6

Management should confirm the arrangements for silencing and resetting the AFD system and ensure that it is communicated to community centre users.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

P7

If applicable, is a separate domestic hard-wired smoke/heat alarm within the flats installed to a suitable standard?

N/A

N/A - The premise is a community centre with no dwellings.

P8

If applicable (Sheltered scheme) is the smoke detection within the flats monitored by an alarm receiving centre/on site scheme manager via a telecare system?

N/A

N/A - The premise is a community centre.

Q - Measures to Limit Fire Spread and Development

2 actions

Q1

Is there adequate levels of compartmentation between floors and between flats and the common escape routes?

Yes

Walls are solid with emulsion painted plaster with plaster boarded ceilings and solid floors. No obvious penetrations were identified.



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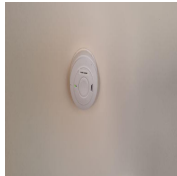


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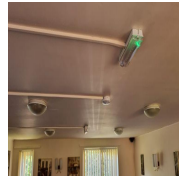


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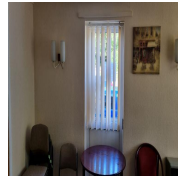


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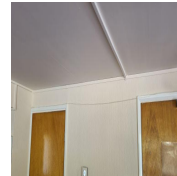


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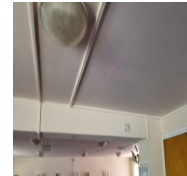


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Q2

Are hidden voids appropriately enclosed and/or fire-stopped? (consider above suspended ceilings)

N/A

No hidden voids present.

Q3

Is there adequately fire protected service risers and/or ducts in common areas, that will restrict the spread of fire and smoke?

N/A

None present.

Q4

Is compartmentation maintained in the roof space?

N/A

There is no roof void inspection hatch present.

Q5

1 action

Are electrics, including embedded meters, enclosed in fire rated construction?

Unknown

The electrical consumer unit is located within the kitchen. A small penetration was noted above. In addition, there is a cupboard located within the foyer that was not accessible. Refer to G1.



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Q5

Management should ensure that the penetration above the consumer unit is fire stopped with fire rated building materials. Fire stopping should only be conducted by a certified third-party contractor.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

Q6

As far as can reasonably be ascertained, are fire dampers provided as necessary to protect critical means of escape against passage of fire, smoke and products of combustion in the early stages of a fire?

N/A

None present.

Q7

Is there reasonable limitation of linings to escape routes that might promote fire spread?

Yes

Walls are solid with emulsion painted plaster with plaster boarded ceilings and solid floors.

Q8

Are soft furnishings in common areas appropriate to limit fire spread/growth?

Yes

Soft furnishings were inspected and were found to be of fire retardant material.

Q9

Does the premises have any external balconies, cladding or materials which may promote external fire spread?

N/A

None present.

Q10

Has a note been prepared of the external walls of the building and details of construction materials used? Does the note include and identify the level of risk that the design and materials used?

N/A

Not required.

Q11

Does the External wall note include any mitigating circumstances that may have been taken to reduce the risk?

N/A

Not required.

Q12

Has the responsible person reviewed the external wall note on a regular basis and revised it if there have been any significant changes in the external walls.

N/A

Not required.

Q13

1 action

Are all other fire spread/compartimentation issues satisfactory?

Unknown

The premise has a separate semi-detached property next door and a separate unconnected dwelling above as part of the local housing scheme. It was not possible to establish compartmentation between the community centre and dwellings.

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Q13

Management should ensure that compartmentation between the community centre and attached dwellings is sound.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Recommendation - No Timescale

R - Fire Extinguishing Appliances

1 action

R1

1 action

If required, is there reasonable provision of accessible portable fire extinguishers?

No

There is 1 x 27A 9L Water and 2 x 2KG CO2 units installed. Extinguishers are maintained under service contract with Harmony. The last service was completed 02/23. In addition, community centre users are unlikely to be trained on the use of FFE and no signage is displayed to state 'only to be used by trained persons'.



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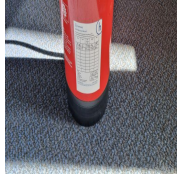


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R1

Management should display signage at fire points to state 'extinguishers should only be used by trained persons'.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Medium - 3 Months

S - Relevant Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems

S1

Are there any automatic fire suppressant systems on site?

N/A

None present.

S2

Are there any fixed fire fighting mains within the premises?

N/A

None present.

S3

If any other relevant systems / equipment is installed, state type of system and comment as necessary

N/A

None present.

T - Procedures and Arrangements

1 action

T1

Recommended evacuation strategy for this building is:

Simultaneous Evacuation

T2

1 action

Has a competent person(s) been appointed to assist in undertaking the preventative and protective measures including in house checks?

Unknown

It was not possible to ascertain if there is a competent person appointed for this property.

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T2

Management should confirm that there is a competent person in place to undertake the preventative and protective measures for this property.

Action/Recommendation Required?

Yes

Action Priority:

Recommendation - No Timescale

T3

Are there appropriate documented fire safety arrangements and procedures in place in the event of fire?

No

There is a Fire Action Notice displayed however, it has not been completed. Refer to O1.

T4

Are there suitable arrangements for liaison and calling the Fire Service?

Yes

Community centre users would call the Fire Service.

T5

Are there suitable fire assembly points away from any risk?

No

The FAN is not completed properly. Refer to O1.

T6

Are there adequate procedures in place for the evacuation of disabled people who are likely to be present?

N/A

There were no persons present during the assessment. It is possible that community members using the centre could have various forms of disabilities. It is likely that they would exit the premises by the way that they entered or would be accompanied by another person.

T7

Are staff nominated and trained on the use of fire extinguishing appliances?

N/A

No staff present other than FHG staff using the centre as welfare facilities.

T8

Are staff nominated and trained to assist in evacuation

N/A

(Where applicable e.g. Offices, supported schemes)?

No staff present.

U - Training

U1

Do staff receive adequate induction and annual refresher fire safety training? (To include fire risks in the premises, fire safety measures in the building, action in the event of fire and on hearing alarm, location and use of fire extinguishers, calling the fire service)

N/A

No staff present.

Policy Principle: All touchdown points (small offices) staff receive Inductions and annual refreshers on fire safety fire safety. But at all the schemes no permanent staff are present.

U2

Are employees nominated to assist in the event of fire given additional training?

N/A

No staff present.

V - Testing and Maintenance

V1

Are all fire safety provisions for the building (AFD, Emergency Lighting, sprinklers etc.) routinely tested and maintained?

Yes

Policy Principle: Alarms- FHG Greenscapes, MITIE. E/L- FHG Greenscapes, MITIE. Assets Surveyor Extinguishers- MITIE. Fire Doors- FHG Greenscapes, Assets Surveyor Final Exits/ Escape Routes- Greenscapes/ Neighbourhoods.

W - Records

W1

Is all routine testing and staff training including fire drills suitably recorded and available for inspection?

N/A

No staff present.

X - Premises Information Box

X1

Is a Premises Information Box located at the premises accessible to the Fire and Rescue Service, secure from unauthorised access and kept up to date?

N/A

No PIB installed.

Policy Principle: Log book is kept on SharePoint with proposed specific QR code access.

Y - Engagement with Residents

Y1

Has all Fire Safety information & procedures been disseminated to the residents?

N/A

No residents present.

Z - Any Other Information

Z1

Are all issues deemed satisfactory? [1]

N/A

No further issues were identified at the time of assessment.

Z2

Are all issues deemed satisfactory? [2]

N/A

No further issues were identified at the time of assessment.

Risk Rating

The following simple risk level estimator is based on a more general health and safety risk level estimator of the type contained in BS 8800:

Likelihood of fire	Potential consequences of fire		
	Slight Harm	Moderate Harm	Extreme Harm
Low	Trivial	Tolerable	Moderate
Medium	Tolerable	Moderate	Substantial
High	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable

Likelihood of Fire

Taking into account the fire prevention measures observed at the time of this risk assessment, it is considered that the hazard from fire (likelihood of fire) at these premises is:

MEDIUM

In this context, a definition of the above terms is as follows:

Low: Unusually low likelihood of fire as a result of negligible potential sources of ignition.

Medium: Normal fire hazards (e.g. potential ignition sources) for this type of occupancy, with fire hazards generally subject to appropriate controls (other than minor shortcomings).

High: Lack of adequate controls applied to one or more significant fire hazards, such as to result in significant increase in likelihood of fire.

Potential Consequences of Fire

Taking into account the nature of the building and occupants, as well as the fire protection and procedural arrangements observed at the time of this fire risk assessment, it is considered that the consequences for life safety in the event of fire would be:

MODERATE HARM

Potential Consequences of Fire

In this context, a definition of the above terms is as follows:

Slight harm: Outbreak of fire unlikely to result in serious injury or death of any occupant.

Moderate harmful: Outbreak of fire could foreseeably result in injury (including serious injury) of one or more occupants, but it is unlikely to involve multiple fatalities.

Extreme harm: Significant potential for serious injury or death of one or more occupants likely to involve multiple fatalities.

Premises Risk Rating

Accordingly, it is considered that the risk to life from fire at these premises is:

MODERATE

A suitable risk-based control plan should involve effort and urgency that is proportional to risk . The following risk-based control plan is based on one advocated by BS 8800 for general health and safety risks:

Risk Level	Action and time table
Trivial	No action is required and no detailed records need be kept.
Tolerable	No major additional controls required. However, there might be a need for improvements that involve minor or limited cost.
Moderate	It is essential that efforts are made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures should be implemented within a defined time period. Where moderate risk is associated with consequences that constitute extreme harm, further assessment might be required to establish more precisely the likelihood of harm as a basis for determining the priority for improved control measures.
Substantial	Considerable resources might have to be allocated to reduce the risk. If the building is unoccupied, it should not be occupied until the risk has been reduced. If the building is occupied, urgent action should be taken.
Intolerable	Building (or relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced.

(Note that, although the purpose of this section is to place the risk in context, the above approach to fire risk assessment is subjective and for guidance only. All hazards and deficiencies identified in this report should be addressed by implementing all recommendations contained in the following action plan. The fire risk assessment should be reviewed regularly.)

On satisfactory completion of all remedial works the risk rating of this building may be reduced to

TOLERABLE

Limitations Statement

Fire Risk Assessment – Limitations

The purpose of the fire risk assessment is solely to provide an assessment of the risk to life from fire, and, where appropriate, to make recommendations to reduce the risk to life from fire. This assessment does not address fire risks to property or business continuity.

Under Article 5(4) of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 or other devolved equivalent regional legislation and relevant United Kingdom law, we have been appointed to provide advice to the Responsible Person only. We have no control over any part of the premises covered within this fire risk assessment, and we have no responsibility for undertaking any of the recommendations made. The assessment is intended to assist the Responsible Person to comply with their responsibilities under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Any policy principles included within this Fire Risk Assessment have been provided by the responsible person or their representative and been added in good faith. We cannot take responsibility for the accuracy of the policy principles with regard to the client's internal policies, British Standards or codes of practice.

Any test certificates supplied as part of the Fire Risk Assessment process will be considered but we take no responsibility or liability whatsoever is accepted for the accuracy of such information supplied by others.

The findings of the fire risk assessment will be based upon the conditions found at the Premises at the time the assessment is to be carried out and on relevant information provided by the Responsible Person or others either prior to, during or after the Fire Risk Assessment of the premises.

We consider the External Wall System as part of the Fire Risk Assessment process, however, we take no responsibility for a fire risk appraisal of external wall construction on existing buildings and work to the guidance and limitations detailed in PAS 9980:2022 0.2 Fire risk assessments. Any information supplied to the Fire Risk Assessor is taken in good faith and we accept no responsibility for the accuracy of the information supplied.

No responsibility is accepted for any change in the conditions or circumstances prior after the Fire Risk Assessment has been undertaken.

It is stressed that the assessment should not be regarded as a structural survey for fire safety purposes as such a survey should only be entrusted to a qualified building surveyor. The Fire Risk Assessment did not involve destructive exposure (Unless specifically requested as part of a contractual arrangement), and therefore it is not always possible to survey less readily accessible areas. It is, therefore, necessary to rely on a degree of sampling and also reasonable assumptions and judgements.

All services or penetrations traversing fire resisting compartments are not confirmed as being sufficiently fire stopped with fire resisting material to the appropriate standard. If fire compartments\fire dampers\voids (ceilings, floors or other voids) are considered inaccessible for safety reasons or any other reason and cannot be physically accessed or are outside the visual range of the assessor, technical comment on these areas cannot be provided.

This fire risk assessment will not necessarily identify all minor fire-stopping issues that might exist within the building and should be considered to be a sample of fire compartmentation. Unless a full fire compartmentation survey is contractually included within the scope of the assessment. If there are reasons to suspect the fire resistance within the Premises has not been sufficiently maintained the responsibility to provide this technical information rests with the Responsible Person\duty holder.

This fire risk assessment will not necessarily identify all minor fire door issues that might exist within the building and should be considered a sample of fire doors. Unless a full fire door survey is contractually included within the scope of the assessment.

A full investigation of the design of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems is outside the scope of this fire risk assessment.

Although reference in the report may be made to relevant British Standards, Codes of Practice and Guides the assessment will not, nor is it intended to, ensure compliance with any of the documents referred to in the assessment. However, deviations from generally accepted codes, standards and universally recognised good fire safety practice will be identified in the assessment.

Where an emergency escape lighting system is present, comments are based upon a visual assessment of the system coverage and condition, but no illuminance tests or verification of the installation to the relevant British Standards were carried out.

Where a fire alarm system is present, comments are based upon a visual assessment, but no audibility tests or verification of full compliance with the relevant British Standards were carried out.

Where manual firefighting equipment is present, comments are based upon a visual assessment, but no verification of full compliance with the relevant British Standards or codes of practice were carried out.

It is the expectation that any reference to the testing and maintenance of passive or active fire protection systems within the premises are undertaken to the relevant current British Standards, Codes of Practice and Guides it is the responsible person's duty to ensure this is undertaken.

There will be a brief review of procedures at the time of this fire risk assessment. An in-depth review of documentation is outside the scope of this fire risk assessment, unless otherwise stated in the contract.

The report will highlight the Significant Findings (Split into Recommendations and Action(s)) that the Fire Risk Assessor found at the time of the assessment.

It is the responsibility of the Responsible Person to ensure that any deficiencies found during the assessment and subsequently reported to the Responsible Person, by the report or other means, are their responsibility to rectify to a satisfactory standard to meet the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

It is wholly the responsibility of the Responsible Person and/or their agent to implement and maintain the Fire Precautions at the Premises to a satisfactory standard and condition to comply with the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Failure to address and/or rectify any deficiencies mentioned in the report may result in serious harm, injury and or death to any relative person, employee, visitor, you or any other person in, on, within or without the perimeter of the Premises.

Failure to address any of the deficiencies highlighted in the report may be considered to be a breach of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and may result in prosecution by the enforcing authority.

Responsibility for the ongoing management of the Premises and even, if necessary, the decision to allow the Premises to be used for their present purpose, and in the current condition remains with the Responsible Person.

Responsibility for management procedures regarding, evacuation management, and maintenance of firefighting equipment, Fire alarms systems, emergency escape lighting, and any other emergency-related provisions remains a duty of the responsible person, not the fire risk assessor as this is not within their control.

Any faults or deficiencies in any emergency emergency-related staffing levels and/or staff training are the responsibility of the Responsible Person and/or the duty holder.

Portable or moveable items and items brought into the Premises are the responsibility of the Responsible Person and/or the duty holder.

It is recommended that the Assessment is reviewed annually or when there is a significant change, material alteration, change in the use of the Premises, a change in working practices, or following any incident, including fire, which may affect the Fire Precautions of the Premises.

The circumstances of the Premises may change over time and with use and/or occupancy, therefore, failure to review the fire risk assessment by the date indicated may mean that the fire risk assessment is no longer valid.

This Fire Risk Assessment is not a Health and Safety Report. A Health and Safety review should be conducted to ensure compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

Compliance with all other legislation is the responsibility of the Responsible Person. We accept no responsibility for loss, damage or other liability arising from a fire, loss and/or injury due to the failure to observe the safety, observance and practises identified in the Assessment

The Responsible Person will always remain responsible for the outcome of the Fire Risk

Assessment and/or its review. This includes the accuracy of details contained within this report.

By signing for, by payment for services or acknowledgement of receipt of the report you accept full responsibility and accountability for implementing the findings of the report.



Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment Certificate of Conformity

This certificate is issued by the organization named in Part 1 of the schedule in respect of the fire risk assessment provided for the person(s) or organization named in Part 2 of the schedule at the premises and / or part of the premises identified in Part 3 of the schedule

Schedule

Part 1a - Name and Address of Certified Organisation	Pennington Choices Limited
Part 1b - BAFE Registration Number of Issuing Certified Organisation	102119
Part 1c - SSAIB 3rd Party Certificate Number	CHES077
Part 2 - Name of Client	Futures Housing Group
Part 3a - Address of premises for which the Fire Risk Assessment was carried out	Community Centre Pennytown Court: DE55 4TB
Part 3b - Part or parts of the premises to which the Fire Risk Assessment applies	Entrance lobby, laundry, sitting room and kitchen.
Part 4 - Brief description of the scope and purpose of the Fire Risk Assessment	Life Safety (as agreed spec)
Part 4b - Limitations of FRA	See Limitations Statement
Part 5 - Effective Date of the Fire Risk Assessment	8 Sep 2023
Part 6 - Recommended Date for Reassessment of the premises	8 Sep 2025
Part 7 - Unique Reference Number of this Certificate (Job Number)	173530

Signed for on behalf of the Issuing Certified Organisation

James Hutton



Dated:

8 Sep 2023

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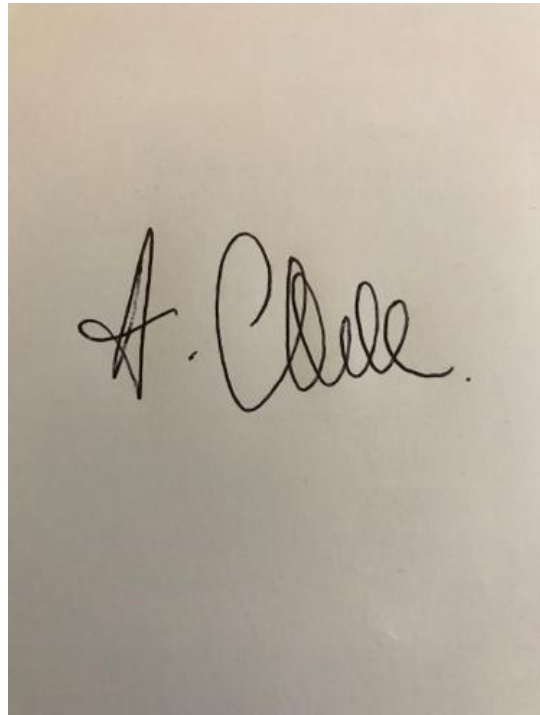


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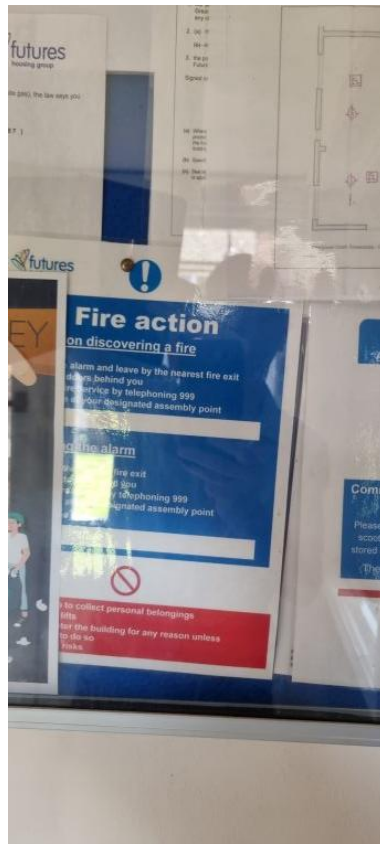


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