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Website: <https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/fire-protection/>

Date [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

THE REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005
NOTIFICATION OF DEFICIENCIES

PREMISES: MAIN BUILDING, LEIGHTON HOSPITAL, MIDDLEWICH ROAD, LEIGHTON, CW1 4QJ

Following an audit of the fire safety arrangements at the above premises on [REDACTED] October 2024, I confirm that the measures contained in the attached schedule provide a satisfactory solution (in those areas examined during the audit) to comply with the above legislation. You may prefer a different method of ensuring a fire safe premises. You are advised to contact the above named Inspector if you choose such an alternative.

Furthermore, if during a future audit the measures identified have not been completed then formal enforcement action may be taken to ensure compliance, such as an enforcement notice issued under Article 30 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

You should note that failure to comply with any requirement of the legislation is an offence and the person responsible is liable to prosecution. This letter and attached schedule are issued without prejudice to any legal action which may subsequently be taken regarding the failures to comply with the Legislation.

If you are in any doubt as to the obligations placed upon you by the legislation or if there is any relevant matter upon which you require clarification, you may direct your enquiry to the inspector named above.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
for CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

C.C. [REDACTED]

FIRE SAFETY AUDIT REPORT SCHEDULE OF WORK

Address of Premises: LEIGHTON HOSPITAL, MIDDLEWICH ROAD, LEIGHTON, CW1 4QJ

October 2024

Inspecting Officer:

Pertinent Legislation: **THE REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005**

Note : Notwithstanding any consultation undertaken by the fire authority, before you make any alterations to the premises, you must apply for local authority building control department/approved inspector approval (and/or the approval of any other bodies having a statutory interest in the premises) if their permission is required for those alterations to be made.

ARTICLE 11 - FIRE SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

Deficiency from Article 11(1)

Effective arrangements have not been made for planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review of preventive and protective measures with regard to the nature of the activities and size of the undertaking, specifically;

- Action 9.10 from the Fire Risk Assessment dated October 2024 for the Emergency Department required all exit routes to be clear of obstructions and not to be used for the holding or treating of patients and that it must cease immediately.

During the Fire Safety Audit this corridor area was continuing to be used to hold patients. In fact it appears actions have been carried out to make it permanent with the addition of numbered signs 1 - 18 indicating the holding area and including hooks holding a call alarm.

Remedy

The responsible person must give effect to making fire safety arrangements as appropriate, having regard to the nature of his activities and the size of his undertaking, for effective planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review of the preventive and protective measures, specifically;

- Ensure actions from the Fire Risk Assessment are actioned.

In order for premises to remain safe from fire, the risks and measures to mitigate them must be continually managed.

ARTICLE 14 - EMERGENCY ROUTES AND EXITS

Deficiency from Article 14(1)

The routes to emergency exits were obstructed, specifically;

- During the fire safety audit the corridor in the Emergency Department was restricted by the holding of patients in the corridor.

Remedy

All routes leading to emergency exits are to be kept and maintained clear at all times.