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PEST CONTROL WITHIN THE HOME Version 4.0 Last Up-dated 01 August 2008 ©GMP Systems, Year 2008			

This Policy will summarise the arrangements and measures in place at the Home to contain, and where possible eradicate, the ingress of common household pests:

1. This Policy will include, but is not necessarily restricted to, the following types of pest:
 - Rodents
 - Ants and flying insects
 - Birds
 - Feral cats and foxes

2. As far as is practical measures are taken to maintain as pest-free a facility as possible. General measures to decrease pests will include:
 - Elimination of building cracks and crevices
 - Covers on all external drains
 - The use of mesh fly-screens on windows and doors in specified areas
 - The use of self-closing exterior doors
 - Proper food storage

3. For the containment and eradication of some types of pest the Home employs the services of an appropriate specialist Pest Control contractor which is included on the Preferred List of Service Sub-contractors, ref. Policy No 103. This contractor is responsible for laying bait stations for rodents and installing measures for flying insects, and for their subsequent regular maintenance and monitoring.

4. For toxic agents used on the premises as rodenticides:
 - Appropriate C.O.S.H.H. Data Sheets are held on file by the Home Manager
 - A plan of the Centre showing locations of bait stations is held by the Home Manager
 - As far as is practical, bait stations are precluded from the immediate kitchen and food handling areas

5. All food stored in kitchen / food handling areas is kept in secure containers off the floor and away from the walls, and storage systems will be in accordance with Policy No 412. Any food or other articles affected by pests will be discarded. Food spillages will be cleaned up immediately.

6. All waste designated for disposal will be kept in locked out-buildings in accordance with Policy No 423 until collection day, and not allowed to accumulate outside in the open.

7. Staff are responsible for ensuring the regular clearing of rubbish from the grounds of the Home to minimise attraction to pests.

8. The use of aerosol fly sprays must be limited. They will not be used in the kitchen / food handling areas even when food is not being prepared, and consideration should be given to possible respiratory or allergic reactions by persons, particularly elderly service users, to some aerosols.