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1. Policy Statement:

It is the policy of Order of Malta Ireland that risk management will be an integral feature of all processes and activities affecting the safety and welfare of patients, volunteers and members of the public.

2. Definitions:

- **Hazard:** Something that has the potential to cause harm, which is workplace generated (Health and Safety Authority, 2005). This policy refers to hazards, which are reasonable to expect could result in significant harm.
- **Risk:** Risk refers to events that may threaten the organization's ability to meet its objectives (ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management – Principles and Guidelines). The likelihood, great or small that someone will be harmed by the hazard,

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together with the severity of harm suffered and the number of people exposed to the hazard. (Health and Safety Authority, 2005).

- **Clinical Risk Management:** An approach to improve the quality and safe delivery of healthcare by placing special emphasis on identifying circumstances that put patients at risk of harm and acting to prevent or control those risks (National Patient Safety Agency, UK).

3. Purpose of this Policy.

To outline the processes and procedures for effective risk management in Order of Malta Ireland.

4. Scope of the Policy.

This policy applies to the management of risks in Order of Malta Ireland, including:

4.1 Clinical Risks:

Clinical risks are those resulting from activities related to treatments, care and therapeutic interventions provided to patients.

4.2 Environmental Risks:

These refer to risks to patients, members and clients arising from the physical environment.

4.3 Duty & Operational risks:

These refer to risks associated with while on duty. These may vary depending on the nature of the work carried out by the member.

4.4 Governance and Safeguarding:

These refer to risks associated with governance and safeguarding matters.

4.5 Strategic Risk:

These refer to risks associated with the overall strategy of the organisation.

4.6 Compliance Risk:

These refer to risks associated with legal, regulatory and Garda Vetting matters.

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4.7 Financial Risk:

These refer to risks associated with the financial affairs and financial sustainability of the organisation.

4.8 Reputational and Legal Risks:

These refer to risks associated with legal matters and the reputation of Order of Malta Ireland.

4.9 Information Technology Risk:

These refer to risks associated with the IT infrastructure of the organisation.

Note all identified risks are listed in the Risk Register which is maintained by the Chief Risk Officer.

5. Responsibilities.

1. **Board:** The Board of Order of Malta Ireland have overall responsibility for ensuring that effective risk management policies, structures and processes are in place in Order of Malta Ireland. This includes ensuring structures and processes for environmental and occupational health and safety. The Chief Risk Officer (CRO) is responsible for maintaining the Risk Register and reporting to the Board on risk on a regular basis. Additionally, the CRO is responsible for ensuring that effective systems are in place for investigating and learning from incidents.
2. **The Officer in Charge;** The Officer in charge in each unit within Order of Malta Ireland is responsible for ensuring that there is a record kept of all incidents that occur in their unit area.
3. **Officer in Charge/Regional Director** has responsibility for the operational management of risk in their area and for
 - ensuring that members are familiar with risks to the members, patients and clients resulting from activities in their area.
 - ensuring that members in their area are familiar with and comply with all policies and procedures for risk management and health and safety relevant to their roles.

4.0 Members: All members are responsible for compliance with all policies and procedures relating to risk management in Order of Malta Ireland.

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6. Revision History

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