

Drinking Water Policy

Purpose

This Drinking Water policy details Elior UK's approach to ensuring drinking water is accessible to colleagues, clients and customers across the business. Elior are committed to providing catering services that benefit our stakeholders and hydration is an important factor in health and wellbeing.

Scope

This Drinking Water policy affects all Elior UK sites, including those not covered under the Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 2010.

Background

Within the UK there are strict standards for the quality of potable water, derived from the EU Drinking Water Directive. Water is an important resource. It is recommended that we consume 6-8 glasses of water a day as it is a healthy choice for hydrating. It has no calories, contains no sugars and it is essential for good health. Approximately two thirds of the weight of a healthy body is water, this is crucial as the majority of chemical reactions that happen in our cells require water in order to take place. Additionally, we also require water so that our blood can carry nutrients around the body and remove waste.

Implementation

It is required that all Elior UK sites make drinking water available upon request.

Sites wishing to achieve Food for Life Awards (bronze, silver and gold) will make drinking water freely available by providing jugs of tap water at point of sale or on tables, water fountains or bottle refill stations. These must be actively promoted and advertised. Bottled water can still be sold on site providing it is clear that free tap water is available.

Governance

This policy will be reviewed at least annually at Board level to judge its effectiveness and will be updated in accordance with changes in the law.



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