



# Marie Curie

## Newsletter

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## Marie Curie Smoke Alarms - Background

Dear Residents

Welcome to the first Newsletter for Marie Curie House. We will be updating you weekly following our decision to implement some extra precautionary fire safety measures in your block.

These measures have been introduced with the support of the London Fire Brigade (LFB) after we discovered an issue in one empty flat which needed further investigation.

- A waking Watch has been introduced as a precautionary measure
- Should a fire break out, the wardens will help residents leave the building. This is a new measure, and a temporary change to our previous 'stay put' advice.

As well as the Waking Watch we are upgrading internal smoke alarms as well as putting a new alarm system in the communal areas. This work is being carried out by Engie (the Partnering Contractor for Camberwell & Peckham)

The Waking Watch will be in place until both the internal smoke alarm installations are completed in each property and the communal fire alarm system is also completed and operational.

Marie Curie will continue to require simultaneous evacuation when both alarms systems are completed and the Waking Watch is no longer in place, rather than the previously mentioned 'Stay Put' advice.

Work started on the smoke alarms last week and this is progressing well. We would like to take this opportunity to thank residents for their

support in providing access to enable these works to be undertaken at such short notice.

We are keen to have more residents involved in our residents project team who will work with us throughout the Marie Curie works scheme including the larger major works due to start later next year. Please contact Neil Purvis from Open Communities if you would like to be part of the RPT. Contact details are given further in the newsletter

## Engie programme of works

Below are details of the current programme for the smoke alarm installations including details of the works already completed.

- 8 December: Scoping and surveys in the communal areas
- 09/10 & 11 December: Installation of temporary electrics in communal areas
- 11/12 & 13 December: Core drilling in communal areas to allow mains wiring and electrics for alarms to be run through all levels. This was noisy work and we appreciate your patience and understanding whilst these essential works were carried out.
- 11 December: Installation of an individual fire alarm system in an empty property. This was inspected and signed off before the alarms were rolled out to the remainder of the block.
- 12 December: Works commenced to install smoke alarm systems in individual occupied properties.
- \*Note – Engie will be working 7 days a week until 23 December 2020
- \*Note - No works after 23 December 2020 until 4 January 2021.

## Escape Routes in Properties

As you will know, in every property in Marie Curie there are 4 escape routes.

These take you to escape balconies via the kitchen and the living room and to the communal corridor via your front entrance door and the small escape door accessed through one of the bedrooms. It is vitally important that these escape routes are not blocked up by furniture or other belongings and we are just taking the opportunity to remind all residents of this.

## Respite Centre

A resident's Respite Centre is available at the Engie site compound opposite Lakanal.

Due to Covid restrictions only one household can use this at any one time, so please do let Valerie, the Engie Resident Liaison Officer (RLO) - whose contact details are in this newsletter - know if you would like to use it whilst works are being undertaken in your home.

## Mail Order Deliveries – Keeping Corridors Clear

More and more people are shopping online. If you are shopping online you should ensure that there is someone at home to take in your parcels as they can not be left on the communal landings.

## Coronavirus

From Wednesday 16 December, the whole of London moved into 'Tier 3' restrictions, which means we must all follow extra rules to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Please be assured that Engie have safe

working processes developed in line with the most up to date government guidance in relation to COVID-19 which are monitored by the site team to ensure compliance.

Notwithstanding the above, rates have been rising rapidly in Southwark and across London and they are now classed as HIGH. We all need to act now to help save lives and livelihoods.

The threat of COVID-19 has not gone away and we strongly encourage people to keep an eye on the advice from the government.

You can read more about the latest restrictions at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## Help us Keep Southwark Safe

If you think you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms you should get a test immediately by calling 119 or visiting [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).



Symptoms include:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

If you have symptoms you and anyone you live with **must** stay at home and self-isolate until you get your results. It is now a legal requirement to self-isolate if you've had a positive test or if you've been told to self-isolate by the national test and trace service.

You must also ensure that you notify Engie if you have an appointment for work in your

home and anyone in your home has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid so that the appointment can be re-arranged.

If you think self-isolating could be difficult for any reason support is available. Visit the council's website for more information [www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus).



**Neal Purvis**

Whilst non-essential contact is halted, you can contact Neal, or the rest of the Open Communities team, on **0800 073 1051**.

### Resident Services Officer for Marie Curie

Sonia Forrest is the Resident Services Officer for Marie Curie. You can contact Sonia on 07946 369 599 and her email address is [Sonia.forrest@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Sonia.forrest@southwark.gov.uk). You can also contact the Resident Services team on 020 7732 2886 or 020 7732 2757.

### The Marie Curie Team



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### Repairs

All general repairs for Marie Curie should still be reported by calling **0800 952 4444**.



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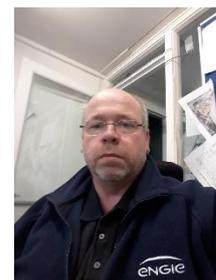
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### Fire Safety Team

If you wish to contact the fire safety team for information on fire safety relating to your block you can contact them via [FRA@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:FRA@southwark.gov.uk)

### Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor

Neal Purvis from Open Communities is the Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor for the works on Sceaux Gardens Estate, including Marie Curie.



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