

IOSH update for POOSH (since last meeting on 27 February – to date)

IOSH-DWP joint-funded pilot: this project continues participants who have received training are now implementing a range of interventions in their respective organisations and feeding back monitoring on a quarterly basis.

IOSH and development fund research fund: in 2009 we continued with our 2008 call for bids on the challenge of securing safe and healthy work for a diverse working population. We've invited 7 applicants to produce full applications for consideration later in the year. We issued a report on an IOSH sponsored study 'Exploring health and safety practitioners' training needs in workplace health issues' carried out at Nottingham University. Full and summary reports are available from the IOSH website <http://www.iosh.co.uk/index.cfm?go=funds.researchreports>

Risk assessment routefinder: a web-based tool to support SMEs in risk management based on a 'sat-nav' concept was launched at IOSH09. To view visit www.ioshroutefinder.co.uk

Consultation responses: we responded to Tomorrow's Doctors 2009: A draft for consultation issued by General Medical Council. In general our response stressed the need for medical students to be given a firm grounding in the links between work and health. Specific comments can be found at <http://www.iosh.co.uk/files/condocs/response/Tomorrow%27s%20doctors%20%2D%20IOSH%20response%2Epdf>

IOSH guides: we updated four guides on the following topics: business risk management, reporting health and safety performance, health and safety management systems and environmental management. Visit <http://www.iosh.co.uk/index.cfm?go=technical.guidance>

We continue to work with HSE on survey research amongst the IOSH membership on issues of slips and trips and chemical exposure.

Mens Health Forum: IOSH are partners and will be promoting and supporting Men's Health week 15 – 19 June.

Hazards Forum and Ergonomics Society joint event: How ergonomics improves patient safety: IOSH is sponsoring and supporting this event.

Lobbying activities: IOSH continue to meet with cross-party MPs and peers. We are hosting a dinner at Westminster in June with Dame Carol Black and cross-party MPs and peers to discuss the role of government, employers, educators and other professionals in improving the health of the working age population.

We launched our manifesto 'creating a healthier UK plc' in May at the House of Lord. Downloadable from www.iosh.co.uk

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