

HSE – Report for POOSH on 7 May 2014

Staffing changes

- Recruitment of a new CEO is currently underway – Kevin Myers remains acting CEO
- David Ashton, formerly Head of Field Operations Directorate (FOD), has taken up the role of Deputy Chief Executive, replacing Gordon MacDonald. Recruitment of a new Head of FOD is underway
- Appointment of new Commercial Director in March 2014 – Leo Enright

Triennial Review

Martin Temple of EEF has now presented his findings to Government. The review presents positive picture, concluding that the functions performed by HSE remain necessary, and that HSE is the right body to deliver them. This view was widely supported by key stakeholders contributing to the review, providing a strong endorsement of the professionalism, independence and impartiality of HSE. A formal Government response to the review is expected in the next few months.

Guidance review

Highlights of the review of HSE's guidance portfolio include:

- refreshed Leadership in health and safety guidance, in collaboration with the Institute of Directors and social partners
- new guidance for SME's: Health and Safety Made Simple, H&S Toolbox, H&S ABC including a range of online risk assessment tools.
- refreshed sector guidance

European Agency OSHA Campaign

The campaign for 14/15 - Healthy Workplaces Manage Stress - was launched in April.

HSE's stress webpages (<http://www.hse.gov.uk/stress>) contain relevant information on the subject of work-related stress and a subsection dedicated to the Agency campaign at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/stress/european>. This features information on how to get involved at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/stress/european/get-involved.htm> and details on how to enter the UK section of the European Good Practice Awards at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/stress/european/good-practice-awards.htm>

HSE statistics for 12/13 published.

Key annual figures 2012/13

- 148 workers killed at work
- 78 000 other injuries to employees were reported under RIDDOR
- 175 000 over-7-day absence injuries occurred (LFS)
- million working people were suffering from a work-related illness (2011/12)
- 27 million working days were lost due to work-related illness and workplace injury (2011/12)
- Workplace injuries and ill health (excluding cancer) cost society an estimated £13.8 billion in 2010/11

Further details can be found at the HSE website:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/>

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