

POOSH meeting 26 January 2016 – IOSH update

- **IOSH framework** – IOSH is close to launching a major tool for establishing and tracking health and safety competence within organisations. It will be a freely accessible tool to help individuals to assess their competence levels and plan their development paths and organisations to identify any training needs.
- **ISO 45001** – this is now a Draft International Standard (DIS) and open for public consultation. IOSH is closely involved in its development as a Category A Liaison body and is working with BSI on guidance.
- **IOSH No Time to Lose campaign** (preventing occupational cancers) – very successful with over 120 support statements and 64 corporate pledges to reduce exposures so far. The Silica phase is due for launch in March at The Shard.
- **IOSH Magazine** – new official magazine launched called simply 'IOSH Magazine' under a different publisher (Lexis Nexis). There is an online version at www.ioshmagazine.co.uk.
- **The business case for engineering in health and safety** – University of Aberdeen has now issued the paper to their students (MSc in Safety and Reliability Engineering for Oil and Gas). Very positive meeting with Engineers Ireland, who are interested in working with IOSH to produce an Irish version.
- **Construction Health Summit** – IOSH is part of the Construction Leaders Health and Safety Group, which is holding a construction health summit to raise the profile of occupational health-related issues in construction and encourage improvement.
- **Mental Health** – IOSH is hosting a reception in Parliament for all new MPs and Peers, with the theme of *Promoting mental health at work* to raise awareness of the issues.