



Minutes of a Meeting of the POOSH Group

Held on 7 September 2009

At Capita Health Solutions, Dean Bradley House,
52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Present:

Siobhan Clarke	-	Association of Occupational Health Nurse Practitioners
Trevor Cummings	-	Society of Occupational Medicine
Harry Hopkins	-	Safety and Reliability Society
Richard Jones	-	Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
Francis McGuigan	-	Health and Safety Executive
David Newsum (Chair)	-	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
Brian Nimmick	-	International Institute of Risk and Safety Management
Reg Sell	-	Ergonomics Society
Carolyn Williams	-	IRM

Apologies:

Peter Griffin	-	Faculty of Occupational Medicine
Paul Madgwick	-	Royal Society for Public Health
Linda Varney	-	Health and Safety Executive

In Attendance:

Anna McNeil	-	Secretariat (SEC)
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1. Welcome

David Newsum welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked Siobhan Clarke for hosting the meeting and providing lunch.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2009 were approved subject to the change on P4 regarding HSE report.

SEC

3. Matters arising

HSE documents

It was announced by the Chair of the Board at the recent launch of the Strategy that approximately 250 HSE publications would be made available, free of charge, via the website. Currently no formal press release had been issued and it was noted that there were approximately 50 HSE documents available.

Council of Occupational Health

It was noted that Diana Kloss had been invited to Chair the newly named Council for



Work and Health. The POOSH group felt that the membership of the Council should be broadened. It was agreed that the POOSH Secretariat would contact Kit Harling to state that POOSH was very interested and wished to contribute to the Council.

SEC/DN

Child employment

It was agreed that this item should be deferred to the next meeting.

SEC

Minutes of the previous meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting could be uploaded to the POOSH website, following the change regarding HSE/HSC.

SEC

4. Reports from member organisations: sharing plans and activities

Reports from the following organisation were circulated at the meeting and would be placed on the POOSH website following the meeting:

British Occupational Hygiene Society

CIEH

Health and Safety Executive

Institute of Risk Management

Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

Society of Occupational Medicine

There were no printed reports from the following organisations:

Association of Occupational Health Nursing Practitioners

International Institute of Risk and Safety Management

Royal Society for Public Health

Safety and Reliability Society

Society of Occupational Health Nurses:

Society of Occupational Medicine

Verbal reports

AOHNP

It was reported that AOHNP had been involved with the medical statement and occupational health input. In addition they had been involved with the occupational standards project and they reported that Diana Kloss was to be the independent chair of the group.

It was reported that occupational health nursing qualification had been under discussion and the NMC had set up a register. It was noted that AOHNP had been involved with this project and that no occupational health person was currently on the NMC.

Ergonomics Society

Reg Sell informed the meeting that the Ergonomics Society were still working on their change of title. The exhibition was scheduled to take place on 18 November and the reception at the Design Museum would take place on 26 November.

IIRSM

The interim Chief Executive attended the meeting. There was no report on this occasion.

Faculty of Occupational Medicine

It was noted that the Faculty would be holding two conferences during 2009; Confidentiality and Consent on 1 October 2009 at the Manchester Conference Centre and 2 December 2009 at the Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, London.

Draft standards for Occupational Health

It was requested that the draft standards document for occupational health be circulated to the group.

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HSE Report:

It was reported that the HSE ladder exchange project was proving successful and the European Week 19-25 October 2009 was being publicised.

The National Stress Awareness Day was noted.

European Week – 19-25 October 2009

It was noted that risk assessment was to be seen as an ordinary part of business.

David Newsum asked if the committee thought it would be beneficial for LACORS to participate at POOSH meetings. While it was noted that LACORS were currently overloaded it was agreed that David Newsum would invite a representative from LACORS, on a one off basis, to a future meeting.

5. RoSPA

The document received from RoSPA had been circulated to the group. At this stage it was reported that Brian Nimmick was the immediate past-president of the British Safety Council. He then withdrew from the conversation.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to RoSPA thanking them for promoting ways to work together and replying that we would consider the matter further and revert to them shortly.

SEC

6. Annual Safety Summit

Consideration was then given to holding an “**Annual Safety Summit**” to which numerous other organisations could be invited to participate.

The schedule for the one day meeting was discussed and the following agreed:

10.00 – 12.00 POOSH Meeting
12.00 – 13.00 Lunch
13.00 – 17.00 Open day and invited guests

It was agreed the above would be considered at the next meeting, together with a full plan of the event.

SEC

In addition, consideration was given to regional POOSH meetings, i.e. a networking event, with an HSE speaker. FMcG agreed to discuss this with Linda Varney.

FMcG

7. POOSH Membership

Consideration was given to the issue of other organisations joining POOSH, for example organisations such as the following were discussed:



BSC, EEH, Energy Networks, RoSPA, EEF, Chemical Industries Association, CITC, Hazards Forum.

8. Workers' Memorial Day Consultation

DN had circulated a paper to the group and after discussion it was agreed that each member organisation should be encouraged to respond via their own organisations.

ALL

9. Invited speakers

It was agreed that Diana Kloss, the Chair of the Council for Health and Work, be invited to address the group at the next meeting.

SEC

If she was unavailable then Jim Kennedy, Construction Workers Union, should be invited.

10. Any other business

It was agreed that there should be a standing item on future agendas "competencies and consultants' register". It was noted that Mr Andrew Griffith, Principal Policy Officer, Housing and Health and Safety, CIEH, would be invited to the December meeting to provide an update.

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11. The future of POOSH should be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Election of Chair

It was noted that the election for Chair (2010) would take place at the next meeting. Those wishing to stand for election were asked to self-nominate. Details of self-nominations should be sent to the Secretariat at least 7 days before the next meeting.

ALL

The Chair would take over at the first meeting in 2010.

Dates of next meeting:

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place as follows:

Tuesday 8 December 2009 (with vote for Chair for 2010)

Wednesday 3 February 2010 (with new Chair)

Draft to Chair 27 October 2009

Circulated to POOSH Group:

Distribution:

All POOSH member organisations, via the contact list, by email