

HSE Update for POOSH meeting on 14 May 2013

Löfstedt Report – Update

Good progress continues to be made on the delivery of the Löfstedt recommendations in line with the timetable announced by the Government.

In summary, developments since January 2013 include:

By end April 2013: 11 out of 18 recommendations delivered, including:

- Consolidation research by Richard Matthews QC;
- Challenge Panels – Independent Regulatory CP= 1 case & Myth Busters = 150+ cases;
- CDM publication of evaluation report;
- Revised guidance for Portable Appliance Testing was published making clear testing requirements in low risk workplaces, a source of myths estimated to cost an unnecessary £30m a year in offices alone;
- H&S Toolbox launched to help SMEs identify, assess and control common work hazards. Since going live in Sept 2012 over 75,000 users have accessed the toolbox.
- 1st and 2nd sets of revocations resulting in 20 scrapped regs;
- Website updated to reflect admin & substantive regs;
- Work at Height guidance published;
- Aim for Prosecutions to be started within 3 years of date of offence;

Current Consultations

[CD250 - Consultation on proposals for an Approved Code of Practice \(ACOP\) on Safety in Ports](#)

This consultation seeks views on HSE's proposal to publish an Approved Code of Practice on Safety in Ports which gives advice on the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and replaces the existing Approved Code of Practice on Safety in Docks (COP25). This consultation began on **09 April 2013** and ends on **22 May 2013**

[CD251 – A consultation on proposed new guidance on the Health and Safety \(First-Aid\) Regulations 1981 \(as amended\)](#)

This consultative document seeks views on new draft guidance and supporting material to assist duty holders in their first aid needs assessment and in selecting a first aid training provider. There is the potential for the removal of the current ACoP text and its incorporation into this new guidance. The aim is simple and comprehensive guidance that provides a degree of flexibility in complying with the law and is easily amended in the future if necessary. Consultation began on **25 March 2013** and will end on **3 May 2013**.

Forthcoming Consultations

Consultation on the revised Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations ACOP and revisions to the Gas Regulations ACOP starts on 7th May and last until 31st July. To take part in the consultations visit the HSE website.

Professor Löfstedt Independent Assessment:

Professor Löfstedt has carried out his independent assessment on progress of delivery of health and safety reforms to date. He published his report at the end of January 2013; a press release on this is available on the DWP website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/common-sense-restored-to-health-and-safety>)

Professor Löfstedt is pleased with the progress which HSE is making in taking forward the recommendations in his report.

Triennial Review

The Minister for Employment Mark Hoban launched a review of the Health and Safety Executive on 25 April 2013. The review will assess whether there is a continuing need for HSE's functions, as well as whether it is complying with the principles of good governance.

The first stage of the review will identify and examine the key functions of HSE. The review will assess how the functions contribute to the core business of HSE and DWP, and whether these functions are still needed. If the conclusion is that the functions are still required, the review will then examine whether HSE as currently constituted remains the best way to perform those functions, or if another delivery method might be more appropriate.

More details on: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/review-of-health-and-safety-executive-launched>

National Local Authority Enforcement Code

Consultation ended in March 2013. HSE is currently analysing the responses.

Myth Busters Challenge Panel

There are now over 160 cases on the website.