



CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 14TH JULY 2004

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

REPORT BY: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members, Management and Trade Union Safety Representatives of developments in occupational health and safety by the WLGA.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 On May 20th 2004 a meeting was held by Johnathan Lloyd to discuss the setting up of an Occupational Health practitioners forum. The meeting was attended by local authority occupational health nurses/practitioners as well as health and safety officers with responsibility for or special interest in occupational health.

Aims and Objectives

- To support partnership working between Occupational Health Practitioners and Manager to promote best practice in occupational health management in Local Government in Wales.
- To identify and share existing good practice within local authorities.
- To promote positive working relationships with the occupational health and safety organisations, particularly the Health and Safety Executive through sharing advice, guidance and information on occupational health issues.
- Where appropriate, develop written guidance and advice for local authorities on occupational health issues.
- To provide a mechanism for keeping members updated on new or developing initiative relevant to occupational health.

Frequency of meetings

- There will be two all Wales meetings per year, organised serviced and secretariat support being provided by the WLGA.

The meeting held on May 20th saw the election of chair and vice chair for this forum.

Chair: Hazel Hortop Caerphilly County Borough Council
Vice: Jenny Roberts Neath Port Talbot CBC

The next meeting of this group will be on 6th October 2004 in Rhyader Leisure Centre.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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