

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE - 12TH JANUARY 2005

SUBJECT: RECENT HSE UPDATES

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members, Management and Trade Union Safety Representatives of recent updates in Health and Safety information, advice and guidance.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The HSE has carried out a full review of the First Aid at Work Regulations 1981. The findings of the review were published in December 2004 and recommend no changes to the Regulations or Approved Code of Practice. It is recommended that the HSE guidance on first aid is reviewed and the way first aid training is organised should also be reviewed. An analysis of the review of the Regulations can be accessed from the HSE's website at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/disdocs/dde21response.pdf>
- 2.2 The HSE have published the health and safety statistics for 2003/2004. The figures show a mixed picture with a 4% increase in fatal injuries and a 0.7% increase in over 3 day injuries. A copy of the the document can be downloaded from the HSE website at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/overall/hssh0304.pdf>
- 2.3 The HSE's stress management standards were launched in December. The standards are part of a new approach to help organisations tackle work related stress. The standards are not new regulations but are clear, simple, practical statements about good management practice which along with the toolkit should help organisations meet their duty of care and their duty to assess the risk of work-related stress. The standards and advice on how to use them, are available on the HSE website at: www.hse.gov.uk/stress

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

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