

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 10TH JANUARY 2007

SUBJECT: ALL WALES MANUAL HANDLING PASSPORT

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 the current position regarding the implementation of the All Wales Manual Handling Passport.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The lead responsibility for overseeing implementation of the All Wales Manual Handling Passport has transferred from the Occupational Health Department to the Corporate Health and Safety Unit. The transfer was formally approved by CMT on 7th December 2006.
- 2.2 As Authority we have worked towards compliance with the All Wales Manual Handling Passport. Compliance with the All Wales Manual Handling Passport is not a legal requirement, however the Passport is recognised as best practice and endorsed by the Health and Safety Executive. We are currently reviewing compliance with the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992.
- 2.3 The Authorities focus has been on delivering Manual Handling Training and the majority of high-risk training has now been completed. The contract to deliver Manual Handling Training was awarded to St Johns and Backaction in September 2005 and will run until at least end of August 2007.
- 2.4 Although we are currently on target with Manual Handling Training, work is in progress to review and revise the manual handling policy and to ensure suitable and sufficient manual handling risk assessments are in place across the Authority. Courses are being delivered to train nominated individuals as trainers/assessors. Those trained will carry out manual handling risk assessments and will also supervise and monitor manual handling activities within the workplace.
- 2.5 The Manual Handling Sub-Group is meeting regularly to progress and to review progress, part of the remit of the group includes consideration of the Authorities future approach to meeting the requirements of the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992.
- 2.6 Ensuring the Authority has in place robust arrangements to ensure compliance with the All Wales Manual Handling Passport and the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 is a high priority as the HSE have indicated their intention to audit on manual handling compliance during 2007.
- 2.7 The note of the last Manual Handling Sub-Group meeting held on 22nd November is attached as appendix 1. The next meeting of the Sub-Group is scheduled for January 11th.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Manual Handling Sub-Group Notes of Meeting Held on 22nd November 2006