

Scottish House Builders Health and Safety Forum

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HSE Update

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Helping GB Work Well

- 6 strategic themes
- Acting together, tackling ill health, managing risk well, support SME's, keeping pace with change & sharing our success

“By acting in a supportive & encouraging environment, complemented by effective & proportionate regulation & risk management

HSE Annual Plan 2017-18

Priorities

- **Lead & engage with others**
- **Provide an effective regulatory framework**
- **Secure effective management & control of risk**
- **Reduce likelihood of low frequency, high impact catastrophic events**
- **Sustaining regulatory excellence**
- **Growing our commercial & externally funded activities**
- **Investing in people & capability**
- **Driving operational efficiency & effectiveness**
- **Financial budget**
- **Risks & opportunities**

Construction Division Plan 2017-18

- Undertake a targeted, risk based programme of approximately 7760 proactive inspections throughout the year
- Two 2 week major inspection campaigns targeting refurbishment during May & October.
- General Inspectors to deliver 1000 construction inspections
- 20 Inspections of architect practices offering principal designer services to assess compliance with CDM2015 and in particular for timber frame projects
- 40 inspections to gather evidence on the control of MDs from planning to delivery. Tracking back to designer or client if necessary
- 240 Asbestos Licence Assessments
- 1000 Licensed asbestos inspections
- High hazard demolition sites

Investigations

- 90% of fatal investigations to be completed within 12 months of HSE primacy
- 90% of non-fatal investigations to be completed within 12 months of the incident
- 75% of concerns to be followed up within 21 days or investigated within 4 months



Visiting officers

Targeted programme of 60 visits using Construction Health Risk Toolkit (CHeRT) to small/medium sized companys

WWT Safety and Health Awareness Days across UK

Next one Groundworks SHAD at Sibbalds, Glasgow on Tuesday
6th June

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PD project – Duties of PD

- Assist the client in identifying, obtaining and collating PCI
- Provide PCI information to designers, principal contractors and contractors appointed/proposed for appointment.
- Plan, manage, and monitor the pre C/design phase.
- Ensure designers comply with their duties and co-operate with each other, (eliminate risk/provide information to PD/client about risks in future use).
- Liaise with the principal contractor for the duration of the appointment.
Prepare health and safety file.

PD project – issues identified

- Domestic/smaller commercial clients don't understand the requirements for a PD/don't want to pay an extra fee for it.
- Projects today, (large and small), follow a less traditional procurement route, with more limited scope of appointments, involving 'job and finish' type approaches to design work and planning, (Scottish building warrant stage)
- PD might not be aware who the PC is on a project/might not be appointed at the time.
- Client appointing some design work directly, outside the knowledge of the PD appointed by them.
- Some difficulty in assessing how the PD is effectively liaising with others, exchanging information, (well, we have design meetings/phone/email...).
- Some feeling that it is an extra burden/duty, more paperwork, risk registers, 'evidence' kept to show compliance. Large cost pressures from clients.
- Suggestion that on smaller domestic type project it could cost £1100 to carry out PD role effectively
- Larger design practice charging £10000 to £20000 depending on project to engage PD contractor.

PD Project – working well

- General acceptance that the PD role does fit well with lead/concept designer/architect's role.
- Feeling that the 2015 CDM 'system' is improved, without the CDM-C role, who were largely felt to be distant/only vaguely interested in the projects they were appointed to.
- Understanding that CDM-C role no longer exists, but they have largely continued as client CDM 'advisors'/PMs.
- PDs more actively interested, attending all design meetings etc.
- Feeling that good information/training provided by industry bodies, (RIBA, RIAS in Scotland).

Current Inspection Initiative

2nd to 15th May

- **UK wide targeting mainly refurbishment sites and small house build but stop for any matters of concern**
- **Control of health risks, falls from height, site good order, structural stability and welfare are main.**
- **Through the initiative, HSE seeks to reinforce its message to the construction industry that poor standards, particularly regarding the above issues, are unacceptable and liable to lead to strong enforcement action by HSE.**

Stable scaffolding?



Dust and fire risk



Accident waiting to happen



Not how to transfer asbestos



Bad and Good in same street



Scaffold collapse – wrong use of intermediate inside boards transoms. Everup Scaffolding system



Lying down to control fall risk.



Where do you start?



Updates

Consultation on Cost Recovery Dispute process

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd284.htm>

Ends 2nd June, 2017

MEWP safety alert protocol – to develop a standard approach to the generation and circulation of safety alerts in the MEWP industry

<http://www.ipaf.org/en/resources/news/article/strategic-forum-plant-safety-group-mewps-group-develops-safety-alert-protocol/>

Prosecutions – more individuals being considered.

Questions

