



HSE – the year ahead 2011/12

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The year ahead – 2011/12

- Charging and its impact
- Lofstedt Review and Red Tape Challenge
- Reducing burdens – practical action
- Statistics – what do they tell us?
- HSE's priorities 2012/13



Charging

- Consultation ended October 2011
- “Dry run” to test procedures
- “Shadow running” final quarter 2011/12
- Start charging April 2012
 - Investigations starting after that date
 - Inspections
 - Where there is a material breach

Lofstedt Review

- No case for radically altering current H&S legislation
- Need to tackle the things that cause business to go beyond what is proportionate



Lofstedt recommendations

- Exempt self employed whose activities pose no risk of harm to others
- Get rid of some legislation
- HSE to review all its ACoPs
- Government should work closely with EU to ensure legislation is risk- and evidence-based
- Simplify legislation applying to particular sectors
- HSE should direct all LA H&S inspection
- HSE should be primary authority for multi-site national organisations
- Civil cases relying on strict liability – review regulatory provisions imposing strict liability and qualify it or remove civil liability



Reducing Burdens – practical action

- Schools – proportionate action on risk assessments and precautions
- Low risk activities: simple interactive risk assessments on the Internet
- Repeated message: focus on the things that matter

Statistics 2010/11

- 171 workers were killed at work (0.6 fatals per 100,000 workers)
- 115,379 other injuries were reported (462 per 100,000)
- 200,000 actually occurred (Labour Force Survey estimate – 710 per 100,000)
- 26.4 million working days lost (22.1m due to ill-health)

Statistics – accidents 2010/11

- Fatalities: numbers rose (to 171) compared with 2009/10.
- Rate of 0.6 per 100,000 compares with a rate of 0.7 averaged over the previous 5 years.
- Construction, Agriculture and Waste & Recycling have the highest rates (numbers: 50, 34, 9 respectively)
- Numbers and rates for reported injuries both going down compared with previous years



Ill health 2010/11

- 1.2 million people working in the previous 12 months suffering from an illness caused or made worse by work – 0.5m new cases
- 2321 died from mesothelioma in 2009

Statistics 2010/11 - enforcement

- 551 cases prosecuted by HSE
- 129 by Local Authorities
- 18290 enforcement notices issued,
 - 11020 HSE
 - 7270 by LAs

West Midlands statistics 2010/11

- 13 deaths (10 in 2009/10)
- 2347 major injuries (2498 in 2009/10)
- 8904 over 3 day (9433 in 2009/10)



Are things getting better?

- Downward trend in ill health
- Downward trend in self-reported injuries leading to >3day absence
- Fatal injuries to workers rose from 147 to 171 but still below 5 year average
- Deaths from mesothelioma continued to rise
- Working days lost fell by over 2m
- 13% increase in notices issued by HSE, 9% in cases prosecuted

What did we do in 2011/12

- LPG buried pipework – high priority – met targets in Mids, found lots of problems – project ends
- Asbestos – Construction Division priority visited proportion of notified jobs
- Asbestos – duty to manage: procedures, information, quality of surveys
- Leadership, worker involvement, post-prosecution visits to sites to assess improvements
- Waste industry investigations and inspections
- Vulnerable workers in farming and food processing

Still to come 2011/12

- Refurbishment intensive inspection campaign – February/March



HSE's big issues for next year 2012/13

- Making cost recovery work in a fair, open way
- Promoting leadership – within individual firms, within sectors of industry
- Vulnerable and migrant workers involvement
- Inspection and enforcement – during management inspections, post-enforcement senior reviews
- Asbestos – as before
- Waste industry
- Higher risk parts of manufacturing
- Food processing