



HSE – the year ahead 2013/14

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The year ahead – 2013/14

- Charging and its impact
- Lofstedt Review and Red Tape Challenge, Review of Regulation, Growth Agenda
- Reducing burdens – practical action
- Statistics – what do they tell us?
- HSE's priorities 2013/14



Charging

- Began 1st October 2012
- Only HSE is charging (not LAs)
- Not for all legislation – eg not ELCI, Product Safety
- Only where intervention began on or after 1 October
- Only where material breach found

Charging

- Information on HSE's website
 - Enforcement Management Model
 - Enforcement policy statement
 - Charges
 - Appeal procedures
 - Query (pre-appeal)
 - Stage 1
 - Stage 2 (with external panel member)

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
- Report on what has been done 1 year on
– early 2013

Lofstedt actions

- Challenge panels
- Legislation being reviewed and simplified
 - Mines, Explosives
- HSE reviewing ACoPs
- HSE and directions to LAs: to consult on guidelines

Myth Busters Challenge Panel

- Challenge Panel: 100 cases, verdicts of panel published on website
- Get dutyholders to focus on what they really mean when they invoke “H&S”
- There may be a good reason – but typically not H&S
- Independent Regulatory Challenge Panel: very few cases

Reducing burdens – practical action

- Review of guidance – make it simpler and more direct and cut out duplication
- Revamp of website – easier to find what you want
- Inspections by HSE capped at 22,000 and targeted at higher risk/poorer performer

Statistics 2011/12

- 173 workers were killed at work (0.6 fatalities per 100,000 workers)
- 22,433 major injuries (89.9 per 100,000)
- 88,731 other injuries were reported (355.5 per 100,000)
- which is around half of those that actually occurred (Labour Force Survey estimate)
- Around 8000 occupational cancer deaths (4500 due to past exposure to asbestos)



Statistics – accidents 2011/12

- Fatalities: 173 compared with 175 in 2010/11.
- 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: 49, 33, 5 respectively)
- Including 2011/12 figures into the time series seems to show a levelling off in the previous downward trend



Ill health 2011/12

- 1.1 million people working in the previous 12 months suffering from an illness caused or made worse by work – 0.5m new cases
- Estimated 8000 occupational cancer deaths (2005 data)
- 2347 died from mesothelioma in 2010

Statistics - costs

- 27 million working days lost due to ill-health and injury
- workplace injuries and ill-health (excluding cancer) cost society estimated £13.4bn in 2010/11

Statistics 2011/12 - enforcement

- 551 cases prosecuted by HSE
- 95 by Local Authorities
- 34 by Procurator Fiscal in Scotland
- 15955 enforcement notices issued,
 - 9910 HSE (down 10%)
 - 6045 by LAs (down 17%)

West Midlands statistics 2011/12

- 18 deaths (13 in 2010/11)
- 2100 major injuries (2347 in 2010/11)
- 8809 over 3 day (8904 in 2010/11)
- Rate fatal&major: 100.6 per 100,000 (UK: 90.4)
- Rate over 3 day 420.2 (UK: 355.5)
- 937 notices issued by HSE
- 65 cases, 60 convictions



Are things getting better?

- Downward trend in ill health
- Downward trend in self-reported injuries leading to >3day absence
- Fatal injuries to workers down from 175 (2010/11) to 173 - still below 5 year average but indicating a levelling off
- Deaths from mesothelioma continued to rise but deaths to under 55s falling since 1990s
- Working days lost have fallen from 39.8m to 27m since 2000
- Costs probably falling – from £16.3bn 2006/7 to £13.4bn

What did we do in Central in 2012/13

- Asbestos – Construction Division priority to visit 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 2012/13

- Refurbishment intensive inspection campaign – February
- To start legionella project – cooling towers, evaporative condensers – HSE and LA – similar concept to LPG pipework project



HSE's big issues for next year 2013/14

- Making cost recovery work in a fair, open way
- Targeting – making every visit count
- Target: higher risk sectors, poor performers
- Vulnerable and migrant workers
- Asbestos – as before
- Waste industry
- Higher risk parts of manufacturing
- Legionella programme of visits