

## KEYNOTE from HSE: Progress Report, Plans & Priorities

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### Key Points

- HSE continue to promote their strategy “Help Great Britain Work Well” via the priorities highlighted in their Sector Plans which cover a broad range of industries, as well as engaging and collaborating with networks of individuals and organisations. In particular, they keenly support safety groups across the UK.
- As their resources continue to be under pressure, they are more likely to concentrate upon those high-risk industries or organisations who have demonstrated a lack of co-operation or understanding of their responsibilities.
- They continue to develop new, sensible and proportionate approaches to managing health and safety within SMEs.
- HSE recognise the need to improve their digital interface to connect with the modern workforce and to update their website content to be more user-focused.
- They have taken on board requests that their guides should be simple, visual and practical and are planning to produce videos to show “what good looks like”.
- Their current priority is still HEALTH.
- In 2017/18 HSE launched their three year programme to reduce work-related stress, musculoskeletal disorders and occupational lung disease.
- There will be challenges posed by BREXIT and a significant amount of work will be required. However, most domestic health and safety legislation will remain unchanged.
- Recent tragedies such as Grenfell Tower and Hillsborough are reminders that Health and safety law, properly enforced, is a fundamental social necessity.