

HSE Progress Report, Plans & Priorities and your Issues / Questions

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Key Points

- HSE continue to engage, act as a catalyst for change and provide guidance.
- Brexit: Working with government to ensure we “don’t fall off a cliff” with regard to health and safety legislation. The aim of all parties is to protect workers’ rights. Operation “yellow banner” will be in place as a contingency in the event of a “no deal”.
- Grenfell: The Joint Regulators Group involves HSE . They will be consulting with residents to represent their concerns and act on them and also working with industry.
- Self-employed: The 2015 amendment to HSWA S3 sets out their duties eg if their work activity poses a risk to the health and safety of others and is within specific industries.
- Recovering full costs and commercial work: Have a statutory duty to recover costs for the work they do and also for Commercial work such as HS Labs used to do. Those who create the risk should pay for the regulation and costs of putting a case together for prosecution.
- Fee for Intervention: HSE continue to work with Cabinet Office to involve Local Authorities. Total costs invoiced for 2017/18 were in the region of £14m.
- FFI disputes process: Started 2018. Out of 33 cases heard, 3 were upheld and 3 partially upheld. Bills can be challenged - best to appeal upon receipt. There is a charge for this process.
- Looking forward: Deal with underlying management issues - 33% of workers say that management only take notice after an accident /incident has occurred and employers in the manufacturing industries are the least likely to have sufficient health and safety knowledge.
- **The point of H&S is to: save lives and prevent suffering.**