
BHSEA – HSE Update

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work well

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Key figures for Great Britain (2019/20)



- **1.4 million** working people suffering from a work-related illness
- **2,526** mesothelioma deaths due to past asbestos exposures (2017) similar figure for lung cancer directly linked to asbestos in 2017
- **147** workers killed at work
- **581,000** working people sustaining an injury at work according to the Labour Force Survey
- **69,208** injuries to employees reported under RIDDOR
- **28.2 million** working days lost due to work-related illness and workplace injury
- **£15 billion** estimated cost of injuries and ill health from current working conditions (2017/18)

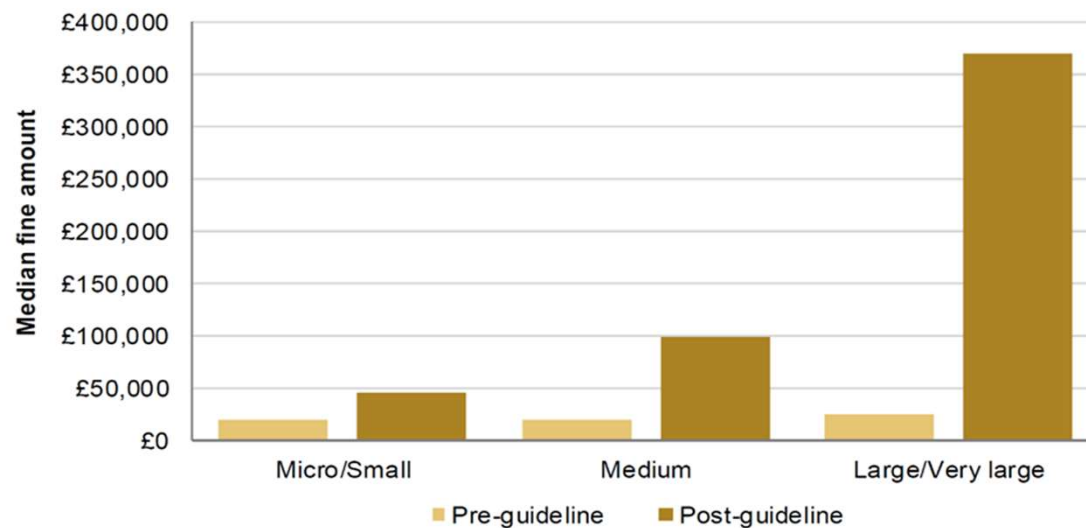
Enforcement in 2019/20

- 355 convictions with a 95% success rate
- Over 7000 enforcement notices
- 90% of duty holders have taken an action following a visit
- HSE have handled over 32,000 concerns about workplaces and activities

Health & Safety Sentencing Guidelines



- The Definitive Guideline in Health and Safety sentencing was introduced in February 2016
- HSE contributed to the development of the Guideline by providing information about the number and types of offences prosecuted and its experience on issues relating to sentencing.



The impact of the Guidelines

- More cases are being sentenced in the Crown Court
- There has been an increase in fine levels for larger organisations – the median fine for a large/very large company has risen from £25,000 to £370,800
- There has been an increase in fines for smaller organisations – from £20,000 to £100,000 whilst fines imposed on micro/small companies have more than doubled from £20,100 to £45,200
- The Courts have made changes to their sentencing of individuals
- There has been an impact for HSE too...



HSE's Plan 20/21 was

- HRS Inspections to include;
- Food premises
- Waste & recycling
- Fabricated metals production
- Healthcare

COVID 19 – Our Workplaces



HSE have addressed;

- 115,767 cases relating to COVID 19
- 5,668 social distancing concerns
- 69,451 spot checks in workplaces
- 515 outbreaks at workplaces

COVID 19 - Our Workplaces

HSE's recorded findings during workplace visits:

- 51% addressed social distancing concerns
- 9% addressed cleaning regimes
- 6% addressed management arrangements

Other concerns included PPE, handling members of the public and general concerns due to the pandemic.

PPE – HSE’s role during the pandemic



- Assembled a virtual PPE Unit team bringing together inspectors, policy makers and scientists to help Government and industry make decisions around PPE
- Collaborated with other regulatory colleagues such as MHRA to develop specifications for coronavirus specific PPE
- Assessed over 700 different PPE products between April and the end of September 2020
- Provided training for technical specialists
- Frontline assistance in Daventry with face fit testing
- PPE vs Face Coverings

Inspections and Investigations

- Undertaken pro-active inspections to 1,200 schools
- Continued to investigate fatal RIDDORS and COVID related deaths (workplace settings)
- Continued engagement of contractors
- [News article | Devon and Cornwall Police \(devon-cornwall.police.uk\)](#)
- [Man crushed by recycling compacter when colleague turned it on | Metro News](#)

Responding to Outbreaks GB



- Food production



- Leicester



- Healthcare

Moving through the pandemic – what's next?



Brexit

- Supported stakeholders in the chemicals industry with regulating the supply and use of chemicals to help the industry prepare for exit.
- continue to deliver an effective regulatory framework for the supply and use of chemicals
- Continue to deliver regulatory frameworks for production safety

HRS Inspections Jan-March 21



- Food & Manufacturing (excluding bakeries)
- Waste & Recycling
- COVID spot inspections
- Our aim is to examine existing risk controls through inspections and provide public assurance about health and safety and COVID security in these sectors

Questions



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