

Questions: TG20:21 – via Ralph Weaver, BHSEA Construction/WWT Group Vice-Chair, Arrelle Ltd.

Q.1: Contractor Compliance: Irwin Adair

As a H&S Manager in the Estates Dept. of a university monitoring what contractors are doing as most work is contracted out, to check that the Scaffold builder is adhering to the TG20 guidance, would I need to purchase a licence for the Guidance or is there another way for me to check contractor compliance.

- A. Ray advised that when monitoring contracted out work, the contractor should be asked for either a 'scaffold design' or a 'TG20: Compliance Sheet' and you check against either of these. Therefore, the person monitoring the contract doesn't need to have a personal copy of TG20:21

Q.2: Smaller Contractor Compliance: Matt Savage

Poor quality scaffolding can be seen almost everywhere you go. Many of the small scaffold companies are not producing compliance sheets or a design – at best you might get a handover certificate. If this is a legal requirement why are HSE not being more proactive in asking for compliance sheets to be produced?

- A. Ray commented that the HSE may or may not visit site and anyway, the person who procures the contractor has the responsibility for checking the contractor and TG20 compliance. Ray added that his own organisation – Safety and Access Ltd. can offer to carry out an audit in advance of the contract being awarded.

Q.3: When does TG20:21 go live? C Lewis

- A. Ray confirmed that the Guidance is now live.

Q.4 Can a consultant produce your Compliance Sheet?

- A. Ray confirmed that TG20 is designed for use by scaffolders to produce the Compliance Sheet. The scaffolders' name and the company name is included on the Sheet. Ray advised that a consultant can't be asked to produce the Compliance Sheet. A scaffolding company should have their own purchased copy of TG20. Ray added that in preparing the Compliance Sheet, the person effectively becomes the designer. The person 'pressing the buttons' is a person who is part of the scaffolding company producing the Compliance Sheet.

Ray confirmed that edge protection is not covered by TG20, neither are staircases because it is a specific design.

Ray's slides will be uploaded to BHSEA website www.bhsea.org.uk next week.