

HBF Health Working Group – Notes

Meeting, Miller Homes, Wakefield on 2nd April, 2014

Attendees

Dave Hickman – Miller (Chairman)

Craig Donelan – Keepmoat

Colin Murray – Countryside Properties

Dave Ford- Redrow

Chris Lucas – HSE

Apologies

Steve Foley – Advant Homes

Notes

Setting the Scene

- Link of the group to the HBF
- Determining what issues to tackle as a priority , collective HBF response and to support policies
- Approx 25 members of the HBF regularly attend the H&S group meetings, with a combined workforce of approx. 90 000 (from AIR stats from 22 contributors)
- HSE driving health through the Chief Inspector of Construction, Health is a poor relationship of safety
- Contact with HSE through the current working groups
 - Caroline Haslam to continue her involvement with CONIAC
 - Dave Hickman to feedback on the Designer, Contractor and Client Working Group on 'highways'
- HSE Health Group made up of following team members, led by Ian Strudley
 - Chris Lucas – respiratory issues/dust
 - Martin Lee – manual handling
 - Jane Beckham – welfare/asbestos/lead paints and solvents
 - Clare Forshaw – noise and vibration
 - Rob Ellis – all areas and 'highways'
- For any 'additional' volunteers on working groups , selection to be carefully considered for continuity.

HSE Overview

- Ill health caused 8000 deaths in 2012/13
- 5000 cases of cancer per year, which results in 3500 deaths, asbestos accounts for 69% of these.

- Health issues –
 - Hazardous substances include cement, dusts and solvents
 - Lifting & carrying
 - Noise & vibration
- Common Policy – Ill health can be prevented .Treat health like safety. Everyone has a role to play. Control the risk not the symptoms. Manage risk , not lifestyles.
- ‘Bin the broom’ – Heather Bryant
- HSE Enforcement model
 - FFI Guidance
 - Exposure to health hazards could be deemed as ‘Serious Personal Injury’
- HSE website to be re-launched in June for ‘health’, with a framework of assess, control and review.
- HSE Plan of Work
 - Inspection of housing sites
 - Health initiative in June (larger sites)
 - Wood dust exposure visits
 - Consistency through the improvement of the uptake of controls
- Construction 2025
 - Attract the right people (image of construction)
 - Skills retention
 - Corporate responsibility
- HBF
 - Could we share data on noise and vibration exposures?

The Challenge

- Follow the assess, control and review process
- On tool extraction (M or H class for silica or wood dust), L only suitable for plaster dust.
 - Need 20m/s and 99.9% efficiency.
 - Capture hoods important
 - Thorough examination of LEV
 - RPE (tight fitting) – no more than an hour
 - Rotary drilling - depends on time
 - Coring – needs on tool extraction
 - Eliminate sweeping
- Guidance
 - CIS 36 – dust
 - CIS 69 – on tool extraction
 - WIS 30 – toxic woods
 - EH44 – dust in the workplace
 - Busy Builder worksheet being produced
 - HSE website being revised.
 - HSE could help support ‘health events with their input.

Key Actions

1. HSE (Chris Lucas) to be invited to the September meeting – DH/VC
2. Health Group to report back to the HBF in May - CD
 - a. HSE priorities
 - b. HBF members to compare current practices against CIS 36&69 and report back at September meeting
 - c. All to be made aware of CITB launch site
 - d. HBF members to give consideration to 'Standards and Guidance' and a 'roadshow/seminar' on health