



Occupational Health and Safety Newsletter Summer 2010



Welcome to the Summer 2010 issue of the OHS newsletter of 2010. We start this issue with some news about Working Health Services Scotland - part of the new Fit for Work scheme.

New Fit for Work scheme comes to Scotland

The NHS in Lanarkshire, through its occupational health department, Salus, will co-ordinate a pilot project in Scotland to help people return to work following sickness.

Called Working Health Services Scotland, the initiative is part of the Department for Work and Pensions' new Fit for Work scheme. The service aims to improve health and offer support to individuals to remain in work or return to work.

The service will allow employees to self refer and GPs, other health professionals and NHS partners to refer people with medical conditions or disabilities to stay in work or get back to work more quickly.

To be eligible for the service someone needs to be of working age, employed in a small to medium sized enterprise (less than 250 employees), and based in Scotland with no access to occupational health support and experiencing health difficulties affecting their ability to work.

Read [the full story](#).

News

The latest news on occupational health and safety issues:

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- [New guidelines on reducing risk from repetitive tasks](#)
- [New guidance on selecting an occupational health physician](#)
- [Take part in the Scottish Higher Performer's Challenge](#)
- [Have your say on how the Partnership on Health and Safety operates](#)
- [Safe & Sound at Work campaign offers subsidised training](#)
- [Get involved with the Scottish Hazards Campaign](#)
- [Drive safer with ScORSA](#)

- [Zero Waste Scotland – new one-stop shop for support and advice on environmental issues](#)
- [How will the new Government impact on health and safety?](#)
- [Health Risks at Work wins national safety award](#)
- [SCHWL offers free IOSH training](#)
- [Strathclyde University Online Health CPD course](#)
- [Bog standards: Welfare facilities on construction sites](#)

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Find out more about [Working Health Services Scotland](#).

From the courts:

A brief overview of some recent health and safety prosecutions.

- [From the courts...](#)

Adviceline

Answer to an Adviceline question on returning to work after an injury.

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And finally...

- [Order in court](#)

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