



Bradford Area Occupational Health and Safety Forum Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 22nd January

1. Present

Jane Howie, Andrew Mawson, Chris Flint, John Blanchfield, Graeme Reay, Wendy Bland, Rob Holmes, , Carol Duerden, Tony Smith,

Apologies: Mike Quiggan, Fiona Sherburn, Susan Gee, Mr Divan

2. Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted.

3. Matters arising

4a Andrew, Chris and Jane have been in touch with various departments regarding the toxic containers campaign, all info has been sent on to Jan de Jong in the Netherlands.

4. Development Workers Report

- a) We have still not had any compensation payment from Alitalia, a complaint is to be sent to the Air Transport Users Council.
- b) A joint officers meeting of the Forum and BOHP/WHAT took place on Tuesday 20th Jan. Where we discussed the Governments' response to Dame Carol Black's review; the deferred joint Partnership meeting, which Eleanor and Jane have drawn together a presentation for, more about this under item 6; and the working neighbourhood fund meeting which Andrew and Eleanor attended yesterday.
- c) A Re-run of the Sensible Risk Seminar has been set for the 26th of February. Jane is to send out invitations to all participants who booked onto the seminar last time (which was blighted by very bad weather).
- d) The Winter Well@Work newsletter has gone to the printers. Jane asked for helpers for a mailout, and John offered his team's assistance.
- e) There is to be an Employment Action Group meeting on Friday. Jane has been in touch with the woman from Abbey, who has done some very good work employing deaf workers in Bradford, she is going to come to the meeting.
- f) Lyndsey Bennett has left the Leeds HSE office, a good luck card for her new HSE job in Liverpool was circulated and Chris is to pass it on. Chris said that he hopes to have a replacement worker for Lyndsey in March and this person will be able to assist with Forum minute taking.

5/6 Working Group members feedback and Strategic Development

A joint meeting of the economic and health and well being partnership representatives with the Forum was cancelled due to the WNF meeting being on the same day. The joint meeting is to take place in the near future and we are told will not slip off the agenda. The agenda of this joint meeting has changed somewhat, but it was felt that this was a good sign that the tPCT is taking a bit more of a lead, as the agenda now includes senior tPCT /Council speaker(s), Alison Knight from Jobcentre Plus and David Clapham from Environmental Health, Susan Gee from the LA's Occ Health and Carson McCoombe from the Education and Skills Board.

Jane circulated copies of her notes from the Government response to Dame Carol Black's review (copies available) . Helen Garnham from the Department of Health is to let us know more information about the Fit 4 Work service as soon as possible.

Carol said she has a link with a new Health and Well Being Development worker based at Keighley CVS. Chris said he had attended a health summit where healthcare providers including Bradford and Airedale tPCT, and the Strategic Health Authority met with the CSCI (Community Social Care Inspectorate) and the HSE.



Terry Rooney has offered to sponsor a showcase event for Bradford Occupational Health Project at Westminster in March (17th tbc), this will include showcasing the work of the Forum and Sheffield Occ Health and Advisory Service, Leeds Occupational Health Advisory Service and Rotherham Occupational Health Advisory Service will also be invited. Terry is to ask Lord McKenzie to attend. Sera Selmes, a regional development officer from Sheffield Occupational Health Advisory Service is to be asked to help with this event.

The HSE's consultation on its new strategy ends on the 2nd of March. The Forum has made a response and finishing touches were added at the meeting. Tony Smith is to edit the response. Kirklees are holding a consultation on the strategy on the 4th of March.

Kirklees Better Health at Work group are organising a regional meeting of occupational health and safety workers similar to the regional group held in the past by the HSL.

Andrew and Eleanor attended the Working Neighbourhoods Fund meeting on behalf of the Forum. A pot of £4.8 million has been identified for spending around skills in Bradford, it is possible that the Forum might have access to some of this, around the retainment of workers agenda which would keep people in work. There is possibly also scope for developing a mental health at work project. Jane to contact Dave Moss to find out more details and the correct procedure to progress this. Andrew said match funding is liked by WNF.

7. Seminar Feedback and future planning

The Sensible Risk Assessment Seminar is to be re-run on Thursday 26th February

There was discussion about the post inspection – safer worker seminar, this is to be held on the 28th of April and the first choice for venue is the City Hall, as it is to fall on the same day as Workers' Memorial Day and participants can pay their respects at the memorial tree outside City Hall at noon. Chris is to try to get some funding to help pay for this seminar.

A further seminar is to take place in June at the time of the Forum AGM this is being organised to help the Strategic Disability Partnership Employment Action Group and the subject is to dispel the myths about disability and work.

8. Safety Reps Update

There is to be a vigil outside Bradford Coroners Court on Monday 2nd Feb for Steven Allen who was killed on a construction site in Bradford. BASRA members are joining with Families Against Corporate Killing.

9. Accounts

As at the end of December 2008 the bank balance stood at £4,991.15 Carol, Jane and Andrew have met to look at the budget, which we are managing to stick to.

10. Any Other Business – Graham informed the group that we could purchase a database of 1000 companies in Bradford from the library for £25.

11. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting is to be on the 5th March Room 4, 6th Floor Jacobs Well 10am
A further meeting was scheduled for the 14th of May