

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Report of the Chief Executive of Derby Homes

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

Details of recent health and safety performance and current issues.

2. RECOMMENDATION

To note the report.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT REPORTS

Accidents and incidents involving Derby Homes' staff are recorded using a formal reporting system. In March and April **there were 6 reported accidents**. In May and June **there was 1 reported accident**. **None of These were Lost Time Accidents (LTA)**. More details are shown in the attached accident and incident trends chart (Appendix 1).

3.2 VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION REPORTS

Violent, aggressive or abusive incidents towards staff are reported by staff using a formal reporting system. Appropriate action is always taken against the perpetrator. In March and April there **were 2 reported cases of violence, aggression or abuse** towards staff. In May and June there **were 3 reported cases**. More details are shown in the attached violence and aggression trends chart (Appendix 1).

3.4 TRAINING

Health and safety training for Board Members was held in June. Another session will be held on Tuesday 9 October. The programme of IOSH training for all staff continues.

3.5 RoSPA AWARD

Derby Homes was presented with the RoSPA Gold Award for Occupational Safety at a presentation in May. The presentation was attended by members of the Health and Safety Forum and Dennis Rees representing the Board. Derby Homes are the only ALMO in the country to receive the award.

3.6 FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order introduced at the end of 2006 scrapped all previous fire legislation and incorporated it into one Order. It significantly changed the way fire precautions in premises must be managed. Fire certificates etc no longer exist. It is now the responsibility of controllers and managers of premises to carry out and maintain a documented fire risk assessment. This has been extended to include the common areas of all flats. These assessments have now been completed and a range of issues that require attention have been identified. A programme for addressing these is being implemented in conjunction with Maintenance and Housing Management.

3.7 PANIC ALARMS IN OFFICES

A new procedure setting out the expected response to a triggered panic alarm in receptions, interview rooms and cash offices has been implemented following consultation with local managers. In conjunction with the new procedure, a review of the alarms and associated areas has been carried out.

4. HEALTH & SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

It is a legal responsibility of the Board to ensure effective health and safety management is maintained within the company. This report provides the relevant information to enable the Board Members to monitor this.

The areas listed below have no implications directly arising from this report

- Consultation
- Financial and Business Plan
- Legal and Confidentiality
- Personnel
- Environmental
- Equalities Impact Assessment

If Board members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact the author, or the Chief Executive, phil.davies@derbyhomes.org - Tel 01332 711010

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