

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Report of the Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

Details of recent health and safety performance and current issues.

2. RECOMMENDATION

To consider 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 September and October there were 9 reported accidents.

None of these were classed as a Lost Time Accident (LTA).

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 September and October there were 2 reported cases of violence, aggression or abuse towards staff. There were a further 2 cases where there a potential risk to staff was identified and appropriate action taken.

3.3 LONE WORKING

During October, Derby Homes' conducted a risk assessment exercise that highlighted specific job roles which may be at a higher risk of incident or injury due to lone working activities. To answer this, a lone worker solution was sought in order to help ensure the safety of these higher risk lone workers and to fulfil Derby Homes' duty of care towards its employees.

In November, Derby Homes' carried out a tender to procure a lone worker service provider with the contract subsequently being awarded to Connexion2. The contract is initially for a 3 year period and will provide those staff identified as higher risk lone workers with a purpose built lone worker monitoring device.

Progress with regards to lone working is currently being monitored though a lone worker sub-group as well as the Health and Safety Forum. Roll-out of lone worker devices and training is due to begin during December.

11. 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
Council
Personnel
Environmental
Equalities Impact Assessment
Risk
Policy Review

If Board members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact:

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