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| REPORT FOR: | EMPLOYEES’ CONSULTATIVE FORUM |
| Date of Meeting: | 17 December 2018 |
| Subject: | **INFORMATION REPORT** – Annual Health and Safety Report and current update |
| Key Decision: | No |
| Responsible Officer: | Paul Walker, Corporate Director (Community)  |
| Portfolio Holder: | Councillor Varsha Parmar, Environment Portfolio Holder |
| Exempt: | No |
| Decision subject to Call-in: | No |
| Wards affected: | Not Applicable |
| Enclosures: | Appendix 1 – Analysis Report for Accidents and Incidents Quarter 1 To Quarter 4 (1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018)Appendix 2 – Insurance Claims, Quarter 1 To Quarter 4 (1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018)Appendix 3 – Immediate Actions |

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| Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations |
| This report summarises the council’s health and safety performance for the year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018, providing an update of activities and giving information on outcome measures – training, audits and accidents. It also gives an overview of health and safety in the last 6 months **FOR INFORMATION** |

# Section 2 – Report

**Executive Summary**

* 1. The Corporate Health and Safety Service has continued to develop the health and safety management system and to provide support and guidance across the organisation during the period from April 2017 to March 2018.
	2. Part of this has included the re-establishment of the Corporate Health & Safety Board, agreed governance structure and setting up of a clear strategy action plan following a review of the corporate health & safety within the Council by an independent auditor.
	3. The key work streams during the period have been:
* The introduction of an improvement plan (see appendix 1).
* Maintenance and introduction of organisation specific health and safety policies and Codes of Practice.
* Provision of health and safety support, advice and guidance.
* Continued delivery of health and safety training.
	1. The management of the occupational health service and employee assistance programme has stayed with HR, due to direct links with employment and sickness.
	2. The key points from this period are as follows:
* No enforcement action from the HSE.
* There has been minimal difference in incident performance (720 records recorded 16/17, 722 recorded 17/18) with a slight raise in the accident incident rate and a reduction of the RIDDOR injury frequency rate from previous years’ data. (691 non RIDDOR reportable incidents and 37 RIDDOR Reportable incident in 2016 compared with 696 non-reportable incidents and 27 reportable incident in 2017)
* Increased delivery of health and safety training, including joint work with the Unions as part of establishing the Training Academy

## Background

## 2.7 An annual safety review is undertaken and a report prepared detailing health and safety performance to enable the Council to determine it’s effectiveness in managing risk and address any shortcomings.

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## External Assurance

2.8 In 2016 an audit was conducted by Croner, leading to a full review of all aspects of Corporate Health & Safety including the governance, resulting in the strategy and action plan as found in Appendix 1

## Improvement Plan

2.9 Following the completion of the Croner audit in January to March 2016, work to set out actions required, and approval by Corporate Strategic Board in September 2017 and Governance, Audit and Risk Management Committee (GARMC) in October 2017, a strategy document was produced setting out the aims and objectives of the corporate health & safety service

2.10 The improvement plan is underway and monitored by the Corporate Health & Safety Board that meets on a current quarterly basis to ensure implementation. Focus is on ensuring all are aware of their responsibilities and governance is in place.

## Health and Safety Policy and Guidance

* 1. A review of all existing policies and codes of practice was undertaken in this year, including the overarching health and safety policy. Updates were made to reflect changes in working activities, including increased use of DSE in vehicles

2.12 A clear route to approve all policies and guidance is being put in place to ensure compliance with Council constitution as well as governance under corporate health & safety board

## Health and Safety Groups

* 1. Due to internal changes, this aspect is being sought to be revitalised to ensure that it happens, due to past concerns over poor representation from all directorates.
	2. Revitalisation has taken place in the Community directorate with greater focus on service involvement.
	3. In addition a Depot Health at Work group meets monthly at present to reflect the high risk nature of activities at the depot, and this is chaired by the Divisional Director (Environment and Culture).
	4. The focus going forward is for the correct issues to be addressed at the correct level, to prevent unnecessary escalation as well as resolution at the earliest opportunity.

## Health and Safety Visits, Inspections and Audits

2.17 Site visits, inspections and accident investigations have continued to be performed by the Corporate Health and Safety Service through the organisation.

2.18 Further e-self health and safety audits are to be conducted within the year to establish the current level of health & safety compliance throughout the organisation, especially following a number of directorates restructures that have, and currently being, undertaken.

* 1. The service has also continued to respond to requests for site visits, principally in schools, providing guidance and support on a range of issues including monitoring the summer holiday building works programme and fire arrangements.
	2. Going forward, a plan of site audits will be taking place using the capacity within the Commercial Safety Team to ensure health & safety stays at the forefront of the organisation and schools.

## Education Outside the Classroom

2.21 Educational visit assessments have been under review this year with schools. Greater clarity has been provided relating the volume of detail required to the level of risk. The service has continued to review assessments for a wide range of trips including residential trips, outdoor activities and overseas trips.

## Occupational Health

* 1. HML continues to provide the occupational health service and the service is overseen by HR. They continue to carry out online and face to face appointments, the latter being held off-site at a number of their premises. As a result they are able to breakdown use by Council Staff and Schools.
	2. The total number of management referrals to occupational health in 2017/18 was 319, a 10% increase over the previous year (291). 38% of all referrals were from schools.
	3. 29% were triaged face to face while 71% were triaged through a remote occupational health assessment
	4. 21% of diagnosed cases were work related, which is above the 17% average across the HML client base
	5. Mental Health (21%) and Musculoskeletal Disorders (35%) made up the majority of diagnosed referrals. 44% of mental health cases were deemed work related, as were 29% of musculoskeletal cases.

**Employee Assistance Programme**

* 1. HM Assist has continued to provide an Employee Assistance Programme to the organisation whereby employees can freely obtain a range of services including specialist counselling and financial advice. This service has continued to be promoted throughout the year.

**Council Staff**

* 1. 62 staff used the service in 2017/18, of which 43.5% was through telephone counselling.



* 1. 60% of council staff using the occupational health system were for employment issues, of which 72% related to work place stress (demand, role and change related).



* 1. 5 of the cases that Occupational Health assessed met the “At Risk” classification and required, which required further more detailed assessment
	2. In terms of age range, those between 36 to 55 made up the majority of those using

occupational health service

* 1. In terms of job category, clerical and professional were the largest group, with manual only accounting for 2 of those using the service.

**Schools**

2.33 The number of management referrals and work health assessments undertaken in 2017/18 for Harrow Schools was 36, of which 47% were via telephone counselling.

2.34 61% of school staff used the occupational health system in respect of employment issues, of which 63% related to work place stress (demand, role and change related).

2.35 In terms of age range, those between 46 to 55 made up the majority of those using

occupational health service.

2.36 In terms of job category, clerical and professional were the largest group, with manual only accounting for 2 of those using the service.

2.37 The occupational health service also continues to provide health surveillance and administer inoculations, including driver medicals and hepatitis B vaccinations. A ‘flu vaccination voucher scheme was also offered to staff in 2014.

## Promotion of Health, Safety and Well Being

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2.38 The Public Health Directorate Harrow Council leads on implementation of the London Healthy Workplace Charter in Harrow. This initiative was launched by the GreaterLondonAuthority(GLA) in 2012 to recognise and support business investment in staff health and wellbeing.

2.39 Harrow was awarded the first stage of the London Healthy Workplace Charter in 2014, showing commitment to all key areas, being:

* corporate support
* health and safety
* attendance management
* physical activity
* healthy eating
* smoking cessation
* substance use, and
* mental health and well-being

#### Incidents reported

2.40 Incident performance is still monitored by both the directorate & corporate groups every quarter. The data is considered both in terms of volume and through key performance indicators which allow consideration of the number of employees and number of employee hours worked.

2.41 There has been 265 employee related incidents in this period, 15 of which have required reporting to the Health and Safety Executive.

2.42 The majority of employee incidents continue to occur in schools (141 employees only). This year the largest accident types were Slips, Trips and Falls (100), Sports injuries (32) and Challenging Behaviour (27).

2.43 The majority of slips trips and falls incidents in schools are related to children (74). Of these 74 incidents only 5 were reportable to the HSE. Various controls have been put in place after each incident. The controls differ depending on the nature of the slip, trip or fall.

2.44 Two key performance indicators (see appendix 1) are used to monitor performance, the accident incidence rate, which is the number of accidents per 100,000 employees and the reportable injury frequency rate, which is the number of incidents reportable to the HSE per 100,000 person hours.

2.45 A review of the accident incident rate over the last four years has revealed the following. There was an increase in the rate over the first two years, which would be expected as more robust reporting arrangements were introduced. The data then appears to have ‘plateaued’ in 2012-13 and has reduced slightly in 2013-14 and continued to do so in 2014-15. Quarter 3 showed an increase; however, this could be related to seasonal issues and increased work with schools. However, it is still recognised that improvements are necessary to capture all incidents, near misses and reporting arrangements using the SHE Assure software. A programme of training by Corporate Health & Safety within schools has taken place to ensure that the system is used correctly.

2.46 The RIDDOR injury frequency rate over the last four years has seen an initial increase followed by a reduction in 2014-15. For quarter 2 and 3 these figures rose, but the numbers are low so any RIDDOR shows a significant change.

2.47 In reviewing incident type across the organisation in 2014/15 the three main incident types remain physical assault (31%), slips, trips and falls (17%) and hit by moving object (11%). This is comparable to 2013/14 where the three main incident types were physical assault (45%), slips, trips and falls (25%) and handling, lifting and carrying (11%).

2.48 It is difficult to account for the fall in reporting of physical assaults. As previously discussed the majority of incidents are minor, staff continue to receive accredited training and risk assessments are undertaken. However it can be noted that a pupil leaving or joining a special school can directly influence the number of incidents reported.

2.49 In reviewing occupation type in relation to incident, teachers, teaching assistants and school support workers account for 41.5% of all incidents. This is a significant drop compared to 2013/14 where these occupations accounted for 69% of all incidents.

2.50 The service continues to record incidents relating to non-employees where it relates to the organisation’s activities or the use of its facilities. Nearly all these incidents relate to pupils and are minor incidents e.g. sports or playground injuries. There are no trends identified from this data and individual incidents have been addressed in the appropriate manner.

2.51 Analysis of the trends from the key performance indicators and the incident type and occupation indicates that overall incident performance within the Council is improving. The health and safety audit programme has focussed on areas where management of risk will reduce the potential for an incident, for example, lone working assessments for social care workers and managing medicines arrangements in schools. Continuous improvement in risk assessment and safety procedures will improve incident performance but due to the low numbers and the diverse nature of the incidents, the improved performance cannot be attributed to direct intervention in key areas.

2.52 A new process for recording and reporting incidents was being implemented in 2014/15 using the SHEAssure software. The new process is designed to capture more detail, allow greater analysis and assist local management in identifying immediate and root causes, develop action plans and link to risk assessments.

## Health and Safety Training Data

2.53 A training programme has continued to be delivered by the Corporate Health and Safety Service, but within the bigger remit of the Training Academy since 2017.

2.54 The Commercial Safety Team has worked with the Training Academy to ensure it is an accredited training centre for Highfield and Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH); offering accredited and bespoke courses across all areas of health & safety, food safety and public health matters.

2.55 These courses are available on the training calendar and the service will continue to monitor incident performance, using the improved SHEAssure software arrangements, against delivered training to identify positive impacts and areas where further training is necessary.

2.56 It has been noted that not all new starters are attending the induction training with the course now available online through learning pool, which should aid greater completion of the course.

2.57 Future use of online training, through the learning pool, is planned for 2018/19. The suggested courses to be considered will not include courses where a classroom session is appropriate e.g. manual handling.

2.58 Work is taking place with the Learning and Development Team to improve the induction training as well as the mandatory on line health & safety training course.

## Legislation Update

2.59 The period 2017/18 saw no significant legislation change that impacted the reporting of health & safety.

## Stakeholder Feedback

## 2.60 Development of health and safety management continues to proceed through collaboration with the recognised Trade Unions, including the joint launch of the corporate health and safety board system in Environment and Enterprise.

## 2.61 There has been no enforcement activity by the HSE during this period.

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**Management Assurance**

2.62 Monitoring of health and safety performance within the organisation will sit with the Corporate Health & Safety Board going forward, who will provide updates to the Corporate Strategic Board.

2.63 Due to the restructures over the last 6 months, and changes around the Council, the Directorate health and safety forums are to be re-energised to ensure taking place regularly and effectively. Presentations to the Directorate Meetings are scheduled to take place throughout May and June to start this process.

## April 2018 - March 2019

2.64 The key focus for 2018/19 has been:

* Internal; reorganisation for the delivery of the Corporate Health and Safety across the Council.
* Implementation of safety team structures across the Council, in line with the Health & Safety Strategy.
* Corporate take up of the Assure SHE Software as the recognised software system for all health and safety matters including reporting of incidents.
* Health and safety support and advice within Harrow Council.
* Training programme across the Council to ensure all receive the necessary training.

2.65 The annual Health & Safety report went to GARMSC in July 2018, where the Health & Safety Policy was also approved.

2.66 Presentations have taken place at all Directorate Management Meetings to set the tone moving forward, including the introduction of front line safety circles as well as introduction of proper governance in each Directorate. Further training is taking place around the use of the corporate Assure SHE Health & Safety software, to record all incidents, accidents, policies and procedures.

2.67 Cabinet and Council report template “Risk” section updated to now take into account any health & safety implications of what is being asked.

2.68 Safety Circles (front line safety meetings, to discuss matters related to their service) are being relaunched in November 2018, with Safety Circle leads identified across the directorates. All leads have attended health and safety training run by the Training Academy.

2.69 Funding has been secured for a Corporate Health & Safety Manager position on a temporary (6-9 months) basis). This position will take forward the corporate health & safety action plan, to provide an corporate overview and to report to the Corporate Health & Safety Board in terms of governance, and Head of Community & Public Protection on a day to day basis to ensure sustainable.

**CURRENT KEY RISK AREAS**

2.70 At the time of writing this report, the key risk areas within the Council are:

* Redevelopment of the depot site
	+ Old building been demolished, temporary building in place
	+ Depot H&S meeting in place to oversee health & safety from a services perspective
	+ Working with project team to address issues
* DNP Tablets
	+ Evidence for recent manslaughter case, now deemed by HSE as an explosive
	+ Stored on site at the depot, but controlled environment
	+ Work taking place to remove from site and destroy under courts instructions
* Safe Operating Procedures
	+ Ensuring are in place across services, especially high risk areas
	+ Updating SHE software with council H&S documents to have in one place
* Housing Reception Incident
	+ Incident of violence in the Housing Reception on 17th October 2018
	+ Investigation taking place and looking at key aspects including
		- Sharing of red flags across the Council
		- If the matter could / should have been avoided
		- Lessons learnt corporately and service wise
	+ A corporate risk register system is being looked at as a result, to ensure the Councils responsibility towards the safety of its staff is ensured
* Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Use
	+ Ensuring all staff have access to, and wear, identified personal protective equipment
	+ Ensuring risk assessments are suitable and sufficient to identify PPE and that the correct PPE is sourced.
	+ This will also link in with the use of lone working devices

**NEXT STEPS**

2.71 The last 6 months of the financial years will concentrate on a number of key areas:

* A clear immediate priority action list has been determined by the Corporate H&S Board to show visible change, and this can be found in Appendix 3
* Corporate Health & Safety Manager put in place
* Launch of Safety Circles corporately to ensure health & safety reaches all levels of the organisation
* CSB and CLG training in Health & Safety (Course identified and being sourced)
* Updating of on line health & safety training to make sure relevant

# Financial Implications

Health and safety management is integral to directorate budgets, and the functions of the Corporate Health and Safety team are carried out within the budget available.

A one-off corporate funding of £80k has been secured for 2018/19 to bring in additional capacity to ensure the successful implementation of the health & safety strategy

## Equalities implications

This report is for information, and protected characteristics are constantly measured as part of any health & safety system, especially aspects of age and disability.

# Corporate Priorities

The delivery of health and safety management is integral to, and supports the achievement of all Corporate Priorities.

# Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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|  |  |  | on behalf of the |
| Name: Jessie Man | X |  | Chief Financial Officer |
|  Date: 9 November 2018 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | on behalf of the |
| Name: Sinéad Clifford | X |  | Monitoring Officer |
| Date: 7 November 2018 |  |  |  |

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| Ward Councillors notified: | **NO, as it impacts on all Wards**  |
| EqIA carried out:EqIA cleared by: | **NO\***Report is for information only |

# Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

# Contact Details and Background Papers

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**Background Papers:** Corporate Health & Safety Action Plan

**APPENDIX 1**

**Overview of annual figures:**

**Occupational Health**

Occupational Health (unable to breakdown by Directorate)

* 319 management referrals (291 previous year), 38% from schools
* 21% cases work related (national average 17%)
* Mental Health (21%) and Musculoskeletal Disorders (35%) main diagnosis
* 44% if mental health cases diagnosed as work related

Employee Assistance Programme

* 62 staff used service, 60% related to employment issues of which 72% work related stress

**Incidents**

**Council Wide**

* 25 reportable incidents to the HSE, including one fatality (natural causes)
* Increased reporting (638 2015/16, 720 2016/17, 722 2017/18)
* Main incidents slips, trips & falls (18%), challenging behaviour (16%) and physical assault(6%)
* In line with previous years causes
* 40% of incidents related to children in schools

**Community**

* 8 reportable incidents to the HSE including one fatality (natural causes)
* Increased reporting (225 2015/16, 286 2016/17, 272 2017/18) and is in line with corporate picture
* Main incidents challenging behaviour (32%), slips, trips and falls (8%) and medical emergency (6.6%)
* In line with previous years causes

**People**

* 1 reportable incidents to the HSE (staff slipped over, off for more than 7 days)
* Increased reporting (61 2015/16, 66 2016/17, 80 2017/18) and is in line with corporate picture
* Main incidents aggression and violent behaviour (26%), Near Misses (11%) and slips, trips and falls (9%)
* In line with previous years causes

**Regen and Planning**

* 1 incident (verbal abuse) for the year (previous years saw no incidents, and year before 1 incident)

**Resources and Commercial**

* 1 reportable incidents to the HSE (staff fell down stairs)
* Increased reporting (11 2015/16, 13 2016/17, 14 2017/18) and is in line with corporate picture
* Main incidents slips, trips and falls (21%), feeling faint / unconsciousness (21%) and hit by a moving object (14%). Smoke inhalation and medical emergency were the previous year’s main incidents.

**Schools**

* 15 reportable incidents to the HSE , 5 involving employees and 10 pupils
* Increased reporting (340 2015/16, 354 2016/17, 355 2017/18) and is in line with corporate picture
* Main incidents slip, trip or fall (28%), Sport Injuries (9%) and challenging behaviour (7.6%).
* Slips have slightly decreased from the previous year

**Detailed breakdown by Directorate and Schools**

Specific details regarding RIDDORs is available, but are reviewed as standard practice.

Community – Employees Q1 to Q4 2017/18

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|  | **Total Incidents recorded for the last 3 years** |  | **Breakdown of 2017-2018 data by occupation** |
| **Type of Incident** | **2015-2016** | **2016-2017** | **2017-2018** |  | **Contractor(s)** | **Employee** | **Employee - Agency** | **Other\*** |
| Aggression and Violent Behaviour | 6 | 15 | 11 |   |  | 5 | 1 | 5 |
| Bin Falling off Refuse Truck |   | 2 |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Burns | 2 | 5 | 1 |   |  | 1 |  | 0 |
| Challenging Behaviour | 40 | 61 | 87 |   |  | 21 | 8 | 58 |
| Choking / Asphyxiation |   | 1 |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Contact With Moving Machinery Or Material Being machined | 5 | 2 | 2 |   |  | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Contact With Sharp Object |   | 3 |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Dangerous Occurrence | 1 | 1 | 4 |   |  | 1 |  | 3 |
| Exposure to excessive heat or cold |   | 1 |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Exposure To Fire |   | 1 |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Electrical Fault | 3 |  | 1 |   |  | 1 |  | 0 |
| Exposure To, Or In Contact With, A Harmful Substance |  | 1 | 1 |   |  |  |  | 1 |
| Faecal smearing | 1 |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Fatality | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |  |  | 1 | 0 |
| Faulty Apparatus | 2 | 4 | 2 |   |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Feeling faint / Unconsciousness | 5 | 9 | 7 |   |  | 1 |  | 6 |
| Fell From A Height (State Height in Notes) | 2 | 4 | 8 |   |  | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Fire Alarm Activated (non-emergency) |  | 11 | 2 |   | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Foreign Object in Eye | 1 | 1 |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Hit By A Moving Vehicle | 4 | 4 | 5 |   |  | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Hit By A Moving, Flying Or Falling Object | 10 | 7 | 3 |   |  | 1 |  | 2 |
| Hit Something Fixed Or Stationary | 7 | 3 | 1 |   |  | 1 |  | 0 |
| Incident Involving a Vehicle | 4 | 5 | 6 |   |  | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Incident With Burglary/Theft/Mugging | 5 | 1 | 2 |   |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Incident With Faulty Equipment | 3 | 3 | 1 |   |  | 1 |  | 0 |
| Incident With Threatening Behaviour | 4 | 1 | 3 |   |  | 3 |  | 0 |
| Incident with Vandalism |  |   | 1 |   |  |  |  | 1 |
| Incident With Verbal Abuse | 2 | 1 | 3 |   |  | 1 |  | 2 |
| Injured By An Insect or Animal |   |   | 2 |   |  | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Injured While Handling, Lifting Or Carrying | 19 | 20 | 8 |   |  | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| Medical Emergency | 6 | 13 | 18 |   |  | 1 |  | 17 |
| Near Miss | 15 | 8 | 7 |   |  | 3 |  | 4 |
| Nosebleed |   |   | 2 |   |  |  |  | 2 |
| Physical Contact (Not Assault) | 2 | 1 | 2 |   |  |  |  | 2 |
| Physical injury from an unknown origin | 7 | 3 | 4 |   |  | 1 |  | 3 |
| Physically Assaulted By A Person | 13 | 18 | 16 |   |  | 9 | 1 | 6 |
| Property Damage | 2 |   | 3 |   |  |  |  | 3 |
| Safeguarding Incident | 1 | 9 | 15 |   |  |  |  | 15 |
| Security Breach | 3 | 3 |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Seizure | 12 | 26 | 13 |   |  | 1 |  | 12 |
| Self-harm | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |  |  |  | 1 |
| Slipped, Tripped Or Fell On The Same Level | 28 | 29 | 22 |   | 1 | 6 | 1 | 14 |
| Smoke/Smoke Inhalation | 1 | 6 |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Trapped | 7 |  | 2 |   |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Trapped By Something Collapsing or Overturning |  |   | 1 |   |  |  |  | 1 |
| Travel Sickness |  |   | 4 |   |  |  |  | 4 |
| Work Related Illness |  | 1 |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 225 | 286 | 272 |   | 2 | 78 | 21 | 171 |

With the movement of Special needs transport into this area, the top 3 incident types are Challenging Behaviour (87) Slips, Trips and Falls (88); and Medical Emergencies (18);

Other includes: Members of the public, service users, visitors, clients, young people volunteers etc.

There were 8 employee RIDDOR incidents and these are illustrated in the table below

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| **Type of Incident** | **Notes** | **Total Incidents** |  | **Employee** | **Employee - Agency** |
| Incident Involving a Vehicle | 1. Staff member fell off moped whilst carrying out duties.
2. Passenger assistant was injured whilst bringing a council vehicle to a stop after the driver became unwell.
 | **2** |  | 1 | 1 |
| Injured While Handling, Lifting Or Carrying | 1. Staff member was carrying a full 360 bin which caught his ankle
2. Staff member trapped fingers in the lid of a 1100 bin
 | **2** |  | 2 |  |
| Contact With Moving Machinery Or Material Being Machined | Staff member was pulled into the back of a refuse vehicle. | **1** |  | 1 |  |
| Fatality | Staff member was driving a council vehicle when he became unwell, the passenger assistant was able to keep control of the vehicle and bring it to a stop. The Driver passed away from natural causes. | **1** |  |  | 1 |
| Injured By An Insect or Animal | Staff member was stung by an insect | **1** |  | 1 |  |
| Slipped, Tripped Or Fell On The Same Level | Staff member slipped on ice in the Central Depot area. | **1** |  | 1 |  |
| **Total** |  | **8** |  | **6** | **2** |

People – Employees Q1 to Q4 2017/18

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|   | Total Incidents recorded for the last 3 years |   | Breakdown of 2017-2018 data by occupation |
| Type of Incident | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 |   | Contractor(s) | Employee | Employee - Agency | No One Involved | Other |
| Aggression and Violent Behaviour | 10 | 7 | 21 |   |   | 11 |   |   | 10 |
| Burns |   | 2 | 2 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| Challenging Behaviour | 5 | 4 | 4 |   |   | 2 |   |   | 2 |
| Choking / Asphyxiation |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Contact With Sharp Object | 3 | 3 | 2 |   | 1 | 1 |   |   | 0 |
| Contact With Hot Surface |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Dangerous Occurrence |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Exposure To Fire |   |   | 2 |   | 1 |   |   |   | 1 |
| Electrical Fault |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Exposure To, Or In Contact With, A Harmful Substance |   | 2 | 2 |   |   | 1 | 1 |   | 0 |
| Faulty Apparatus |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Feeling faint / Unconsciousness | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 0 |
| Fell From A Height (State Height in Notes) | 2 | 1 | 3 |   |   |   |   |   | 3 |
| Foreign Object in Eye |   |   | 1 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 0 |
| Hit By A Moving, Flying Or Falling Object | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Hit Something Fixed Or Stationary | 2 |   | 5 |   |   | 5 |   |   | 0 |
| Incident With Burglary/Theft/Mugging | 1 |   | 1 |   |   |   |   | 1 | 0 |
| Incident With Faulty Equipment |   |   | 1 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 0 |
| Incident With Verbal Abuse | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Injured While Handling, Lifting Or Carrying | 4 | 4 | 5 |   |   | 5 |   |   | 0 |
| Ingestion of Foreign Object | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Incident Involving a Vehicle |   | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Near Miss | 4 | 8 | 9 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 8 |
| Nosebleed | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 0 |
| Physical Contact (Not Assault) | 4 | 2 | 3 |   |   | 2 |   |   | 1 |
| Physical injury from an unknown origin | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Physically Assaulted By A Person | 9 | 5 | 6 |   |   | 4 |   |   | 2 |
| Property Damage | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Safeguarding Incident | 1 | 3 | 3 |   |   |   |   |   | 3 |
| Seizure | 1 | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Self-harm | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Slipped, Tripped Or Fell On The Same Level | 6 | 10 | 7 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 6 |
| Stress |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Trapped | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Work Related Illness |   |   | 1 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 0 |
| Total | 61 | 66 | 80 |   | 2 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 38 |

The number of incidents has risen slightly compared to previous years. The main area reported to the corporate health and safety services related to Aggression and Violent behaviour (21).

Other includes: Members of the public, service users, visitors, clients, young people volunteers etc.

There has been 1 employee RIDDOR incident

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of Incident** | **Notes** | **Total Incidents** |  | **Employee** |
| Slipped, Tripped Or Fell On The Same Level | Staff member slipped on return to the building from the car park. Was unable to work for more than 7 days. | **1** |  | 1 |
| **Total** |  | **1** |  | **1** |

Regeneration and Planning – Employees Q1 to Q4 2017/18

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total Incidents recorded for the last 3 years** |  | **Breakdown of 2017-2018 data by occupation** |
| **Type of Incident** | **2015-2016** | **2016-2017** | **2017-2018** |  | **Employee** |
| Fell From A Height (State Height in Notes) | **1** |  |  |  | 1 |
| Incident With Verbal Abuse |  |  | **1** |  | 1 |
| **Total** | **1** | **0** | **1** |  | **1** |

There has been 1 reported incident in this area where a which was not RIDDOR Reportable.

Resources and Commercial - Employees Q1 to Q4 2017/18

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | Total Incidents recorded for the last 3 years |   | Breakdown of 2017-2018 data by occupation |
| Type of Incident | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 |   | Employee |
| Aggression and Violent Behaviour |   | 1 | 1 |   | 1 |
| Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis |   | 1 | 2 |   | 2 |
| Choking / Asphyxiation | 1 |   | 1 |   | 1 |
| Feeling faint / Unconsciousness | 1 | 1 | 3 |   | 3 |
| Fell From A Height (State Height in Notes) | 1 | 1 | 1 |   | 1 |
| Incident With Verbal Abuse | 1 |   |   |   |   |
| Hit By A Moving, Flying Or Falling Object |   | 1 | 2 |   | 2 |
| Medical Emergency | 2 | 4 |   |   |   |
| Nosebleed | 1 | 1 | 1 |   | 1 |
| Seizure | 1 |   |   |   |   |
| Slipped, Tripped Or Fell On The Same Level |   | 1 | 3 |   |   |
| Smoke/Smoke Inhalation | 3 | 2 |   |   | 3 |
| Total | 11 | 13 | 14 |   | 14 |

There were low numbers of incidents reported to the corporate health and safety service and the main areas relate to Slips Trips and Falls (3), Feeling Faint/Unconsciousness (3) and Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis (2)

There was 1 RIDDOR report submitted where a staff member fell down some stairs and was unconscious for a short time.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of Incident** | **Total Incidents** |  | **Employee** |
| Fell From A Height (State Height in Notes) | 1 |  | 1 |
| Total | 1 |  | 1 |

School’s - Employees Q1 to Q4 2017/18

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | Total Incidents recorded for the last 3 years |   | Breakdown of 2017-2018 data by occupation |
| Type of Incident | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 |   | Contractor(s) | Employee | Employee - Agency | No One Involved | Other |
| Aggression and Violent Behaviour | 10 | 18 | 13 |   |   | 10 | 2 |   | 1 |
| Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis |   | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| Burns | 1 | 1 | 3 |   | 1 | 1 | 1 |   | 0 |
| Challenging Behaviour | 17 | 26 | 27 |   |   | 20 | 3 |   | 4 |
| Contact With Acid |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Contact With Hot Surface | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Contact With Electricity Or An Electrical Discharge |   | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| Contact With Sharp Object | 8 | 8 | 7 |   | 1 | 2 |   |   | 4 |
| Exposure To Harmful Gases Or Vapours | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Exposure To, Or In Contact With, A Harmful Substance | 7 | 3 | 2 |   |   |   |   |   | 2 |
| Exposure To UV Radiation | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Faulty Apparatus | 1 | 3 | 1 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 0 |
| Feeling faint / Unconsciousness | 5 | 11 | 4 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 3 |
| Fell From A Height (State Height in Notes) | 13 | 13 | 17 |   |   | 3 |   |   | 14 |
| Foreign Object in Eye | 2 | 2 | 2 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| Hit By A Moving Vehicle | 2 | 3 | 3 |   |   | 2 |   |   | 1 |
| Hit By A Moving, Flying Or Falling Object | 35 | 25 | 26 |   |   | 14 |   |   | 12 |
| Hit Something Fixed Or Stationary | 15 | 21 | 16 |   |   | 4 | 1 |   | 11 |
| Incident With Faulty Equipment | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Incident Involving a Vehicle |   | 1 | 2 |   |   | 2 |   |   | 0 |
| Incident With Verbal Abuse | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Infectious disease  |   | 2 | 1 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 0 |
| Injured By An Insect or Animal | 2 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Injured While Handling, Lifting Or Carrying | 13 | 9 | 11 |   | 2 | 7 |   |   | 2 |
| Injured While Trampolining | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Medical Emergency | 20 | 11 | 22 |   |   | 5 |   |   | 17 |
| Near Miss | 8 | 3 | 6 |   |   | 4 |   |   | 2 |
| Nosebleed | 1 | 1 | 2 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| Physical Contact (Not Assault) | 11 | 18 | 20 |   |   | 7 |   |   | 13 |
| Physical injury from an unknown origin | 1 | 2 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| Physically Assaulted By A Person | 21 | 22 | 23 |   |   | 18 | 1 |   | 4 |
| Property Damage | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   | 1 | 0 |
| Safeguarding Incident |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| Seizure | 6 | 7 | 6 |   |   |   |   |   | 6 |
| Slipped, Tripped Or Fell On The Same Level | 102 | 106 | 100 |   |   | 26 |   |   | 74 |
| Sports Injury | 28 | 26 | 32 |   |   |   |   |   | 32 |
| Stress |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| Trapped | 4 | 6 | 3 |   |   | 3 |   |   | 0 |
| Total | 340 | 354 | 355 |   | 4 | 133 | 8 | 1 | 209 |

The main areas related to; Slips, Trips and Falls, (100) Sports injuries (32) and Challenging Behaviour (27) which is not unexpected in the service area concerned. There have been 15 RIDDOR reportable incidents in total. Only 5 of which involved an employee.

Other refers to: Members of the public, service users, visitors, clients, young people volunteers etc. Property damaged by graffiti sprayed on school property.

RIDDOR Reportable incidents are as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of Incident** | **Notes – Employee’s only** | **Total Incidents** |  | **Employee** | **Other** |
| Challenging Behaviour | Employee was 1-2-1 assisting with a pupil when the pupil pushed the employee and dropped to the floor – over 7 day injury | **1** |  | 1 |  |
| Fell From A Height (State Height in Notes) |  | **3** |  |  | 3 |
| Slipped, Tripped Or Fell On The Same Level | Employee tripped over a cable and banged their head. They were taken to hospital. | **3** |  | 1 | 2 |
| Contact With Sharp Object |  | **1** |  |  | 1 |
| Exposure To, Or In Contact With, A Harmful Substance |  | **1** |  |  | 1 |
| Feeling faint / Unconsciousness |  | **1** |  |  | 1 |
| Hit By A Moving Vehicle | Employee collided with a pupil riding a bicycle in the playground – Over 7 day injury | **1** |  | 1 |  |
| Hit Something Fixed Or Stationary |  | **1** |  |  | 1 |
| Injured While Handling, Lifting Or Carrying | Employee twisted back whilst loading milk into a fridge. | **1** |  | 1 |  |
| Physical Contact (Not Assault) | Pupil fell to the floor and supporting assistant twisted ankle. | **1** |  | 1 |  |
| Sports Injury |  | **1** |  |  | 1 |
| **Total** |  | **15** |  | **5** | **10** |

All Directorates Incidents – Q1 to Q4 2016/17

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | Total Incidents recorded for the last 3 years |   | Breakdown of 2017-2018 data by occupation |
| Type of Incident | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 |   | Contractor(s) | Employee | Employee - Agency | No One Involved | Other\* |
| Aggression and Violent Behaviour | 26 | 41 | 46 |   |   | 27 | 3 |   | 16 |
| Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis |   | 2 | 3 |   |   | 2 |   |   | 1 |
| Bin Falling off Refuse Truck |   | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Burns | 3 | 9 | 6 |   | 1 | 3 | 1 |   | 1 |
| Challenging Behaviour | 62 | 91 | 118 |   |   | 43 | 11 |   | 64 |
| Choking / Asphyxiation | 1 | 2 | 1 |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |
| Contact With Acid |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Contact With Electricity Or An Electrical Discharge |   | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| Contact With Hot Surface | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Contact With Moving Machinery Or Material Being machined |   | 2 | 2 |   |   | 1 | 1 |   | 0 |
| Contact With Sharp Object | 16 | 14 | 9 |   | 2 | 3 |   |   | 4 |
| Dangerous Occurrence | 1 | 2 | 4 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 3 |
| Electrical Fault |   | 1 | 1 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 0 |
| Exposure to excessive heat or cold |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Exposure To Harmful Gases Or Vapours | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Exposure To UV Radiation | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Exposure To Fire | 3 | 1 | 2 |   | 1 |   |   |   | 1 |
| Exposure To, Or In Contact With, A Harmful Substance | 7 | 6 | 5 |   |   | 1 | 1 |   | 3 |
| Faecal smearing | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Fatality | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |   |   | 1 |   | 0 |
| Faulty Apparatus | 3 | 8 | 3 |   |   | 2 |   |   | 1 |
| Feeling faint / Unconsciousness | 12 | 22 | 15 |   |   | 6 |   |   | 9 |
| Fell From A Height (State Height in Notes) | 19 | 19 | 29 |   |   | 7 | 1 |   | 21 |
| Fire Alarm Activated (non-emergency) |   | 11 | 2 |   | 1 |   |   |   | 1 |
| Foreign Object in Eye | 3 | 3 | 3 |   |   | 2 |   |   | 1 |
| Hit By A Moving Vehicle | 6 | 7 | 8 |   |   | 5 | 2 |   | 1 |
| Hit By A Moving, Flying Or Falling Object | 46 | 33 | 31 |   |   | 17 |   |   | 14 |
| Hit Something Fixed Or Stationary | 24 | 24 | 22 |   |   | 10 | 1 |   | 11 |
| Incident Involving a Vehicle | 4 | 8 | 8 |   |   | 5 | 2 |   | 1 |
| Incident With Burglary/Theft/Mugging | 6 | 1 | 3 |   |   | 1 |   | 1 | 1 |
| Incident With Faulty Equipment | 4 | 4 | 2 |   |   | 2 |   |   | 0 |
| Incident With Threatening Behaviour | 4 | 1 | 3 |   |   | 3 |   |   | 0 |
| Incident with Vandalism |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| Incident With Verbal Abuse | 5 | 1 | 4 |   |   | 2 |   |   | 2 |
| Infectious disease  |   | 2 | 1 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 0 |
| Ingestion of Foreign Object | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Injured By An Insect or Animal | 2 | 1 | 2 |   |   | 1 | 1 |   | 0 |
| Injured While Handling, Lifting Or Carrying | 36 | 33 | 24 |   | 2 | 19 | 1 |   | 2 |
| Injured While Trampolining | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Medical Emergency | 28 | 28 | 40 |   |   | 6 |   |   | 34 |
| Near Miss | 27 | 19 | 22 |   |   | 8 |   |   | 14 |
| Nosebleed | 3 | 3 | 6 |   |   | 3 |   |   | 3 |
| Physical Contact (Not Assault) | 17 | 21 | 25 |   |   | 9 |   |   | 16 |
| Physical injury from an unknown origin | 9 | 6 | 5 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 4 |
| Physically Assaulted By A Person | 43 | 45 | 45 |   |   | 31 | 2 |   | 12 |
| Property Damage | 4 | 1 | 4 |   |   |   |   | 1 | 3 |
| Safeguarding Incident | 2 | 12 | 19 |   |   |   |   |   | 19 |
| Security Breach | 3 | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Seizure | 20 | 35 | 19 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 18 |
| Self-harm | 2 | 2 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| Slipped, Tripped Or Fell On The Same Level | 139 | 146 | 132 |   | 1 | 36 | 1 |   | 94 |
| Smoke/Smoke Inhalation | 1 | 8 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sports Injury | 28 | 26 | 32 |   |   |   |   |   | 32 |
| Stress |   | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| Trapped | 12 | 7 | 5 |   |   | 3 | 1 |   | 1 |
| Trapped By Something Collapsing or Overturning |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
| Travel Sickness |   |   | 4 |   |   |   |   |   | 4 |
| Work Related Illness |   | 1 | 1 |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |
| Total | 638 | 720 | 722 |   | 8 | 265 | 30 | 2 | 417 |

Below are the top 10 incidents of this year and the top occupations involved.

The largest amount of incidents overall comes from non Harrow Employees, of which 293 are children in schools. The the vast majority of these reports are for minor injuries. These numbers remain high due to encouragement of Corporate Health & Safety to report all incidents and accidents, including near misses, through the SHEAssure software.

Over the past couple of years the total number of RIDDOR Reportable incidents has reduced. The total number of accidents however has gone up slightly (from 691 in 2016 to 696 in 2017). The number of incidents involving employees and agency employees is going down (256 for employees and 29 for agency employees in 2017 v 288 employee incidents and 36 agency incidents in 2016



**Appendix 2 - Employers’ Liability Insurance Claims**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Claim Reference | Incident Date | Notification Date | Details | Location | Status | Department |
| M17EL000001 | 31/05/2017 | 10/08/2017 | Allegations of bullying and harassment | Vaughan NRC | Open but claim not upheld | Adult Services |
| M17EL000002 | 20/07/2017 | 02/01/2018 | Alleged tinnitus caused by colleague's use of loud hailer and stress | Civic Centre | Open - investigations ongoing | Highways |
| M17EL000003 | 11/12/2017 | 08/02/2018 | Employee slipped on an icy grid  | The Firs Residential Care Home | Open but claim not upheld | Childrens' Services |
| M17EL000004 | 13/03/2018 | 26/03/2018 | Slipped on water | Civic Centre | Open but claim not upheld | Facilities Management |
| M16EL000006 | 19/08/2016 | 14/12/2017 | Barrier came down hitting employee on head and shoulders | Central Depot | Open but claim not upheld | Facilities Management |
| M16EL000007 | 11/04/2016 | 22/01/2018 | Employee injured herself when taking part in a team building day | Gordon Brown Outdoor Centre | Open - investigations ongoing | Schools |

**Appendix 3**

**CORPORATE HEALTH & SAFETY – IMMEDIATE ACTIONS (OCTOBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019)**

