

Health and Safety Forum meeting: 27 January 2022

Summary of key decisions and actions.

1. Welcome and introductions

The minutes and actions from the September meeting were agreed.

2. Covid-19 enforcement

The Forum noted an update paper from Welsh Government officials on Covid regulations advice and enforcement activity. The Forum recognised the resource pressures on regulators and noted the importance of the risk assessment process in helping to ensure compliance. Members agreed to continue to promote awareness of the risk assessment process, including circumstances where individual risk assessments are necessary.

3. Update on ventilation

The Forum noted an update paper provided by Welsh Government officials. The Forum discussed the important role appropriate ventilation plays as part of a wider repertoire of reasonable measures. The Forum noted the availability of guidance and agreed to continue to promote this through their networks.

4. Roundtable discussion on experience of health and safety engagement - regulators, unions and employers.

The Forum had a wide ranging discussion. It was noted whilst there had been some improvement in engagement, there was scope for further improvement in how employers and trade unions are engaged on the public health and health and safety agenda.

5. Dashboard and plans for next meeting

The Forum noted the latest dashboard data. The Forum agreed to consider how they would wish to see the Forum change in the context of the transition from the Covid emergency.