Health and Safety
Executive

Delivering excellence : working together to deliver better local regulation

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Working together

HSE

Working with

- Business
- Local Authorities
- Other regulators
- Local Better Regulation Office

HSE and LAs

History

LAs and HSE both responsible for H&S enforcement

LAs and HSE both with the same powers

LA regulated premises - offices, shops, warehouses and consumer services

HSE premises - generally higher risk

Command and control relationship

HSE and LAs

HSE

Partnership

Realised needed to engage with LAs if targets for health and slip/trip injuries etc to be achieved

Objective of HSE's 2004 strategy

Independent evaluation 2008

Now we see LAs as our co-regulators

Partnership Framework

Strategic engagement

Local Government Panel and HELA

Operational & Tactical engagement

LACORS

Front line engagement

Partnership Managers

Partnership Liaison Officers

Support arrangements

Balance what done at national and local level

Analysis to identify national priorities

Interface with national stakeholders

Structures (LAPS) to coordinate approaches to national organisations

Technical/expert support for investigations

Professional training

Expectations of LAs

Adequate arrangements for enforcement

(Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 S18)

Implement the requirements of the S18 standard

Participation in self-assessment and peer review assurance processes

Benefits of partnership

HSE

Subject to independent review summer 08

LA experience informs policy development

Greater consistency in approach, priorities and competence of inspectors

Better targeting of resource to risk

Flexibility for LAs to tune their approaches to local priorities

Delivering through partnership

HSE

Hair and beauty initiative – balancing the national and local roles

WorkWell Dorset – joined up HSE and LA plans across the county

Estates Excellence – delivering joined-up enforcement to SMEs

Greater Manchester retail violence – linking LAs and other regulators

Delivering through partnership

Other examples:

HSE/LA major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) - Sussex

Night Time economy - Joint inspection project - South West

Working with LBRO and other regulators

S18 Standard supports LBRO's Excellence Framework

Regulator's Development Needs Analysis Tool (RDNA)

Dealing with national companies

Beyond enforcement

Enforcement and securing justice are important roles

Heat & Light

But….. the regulator can’t do everything

HSE Strategy - Be part of the solution

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Working with business

Focus on SMEs

- Model risk Assessments
- SBTAF

Leadership

Involve the workforce

Build competence

HSE