

**HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE
AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Project proposal: Identification of key occupational health issues in agriculture
and the steps to take to tackle these**

Issue

1 At the AIAC meeting in November 2011 the committee discussed a paper on occupational health (AIAC 11/11/01) and requested a project proposal was submitted for taking forward occupational ill health. Agriculture has a poor record of occupational health (see paper referenced below)

Background

2 See AIAC paper 11/11/01 attached

Objectives

3 To:

- Review the available intelligence on occupational health in agriculture and identify the key occupational health issues;
- Explore options to promote awareness and management of cases of ill health This could include farmers; employees; and agency workers; and
- Identify two or three priority issues to take forward and how. It is likely these will be delivered through separate projects for which project plans will need to be developed.

Success criteria

4 Success will be judged by:

- Identification of priority issues;
- Agreement from AIAC on the project plans for tackling the issues

Key milestones

5 The following milestones are proposed

20th June 2012 AIAC agree to group being formed and suggest possible members .

By 31st July 2012 HSE to circulate to the group members copies of relevant research material e.g. Institute of Occupational Medicines paper on ill health in agriculture. Members will then read the research material and feed comments back to the group secretary

By 31st July 2012 All AIAC members to provide information on how they promote ill health awareness within their sector and any experience they have had with managing cases of ill health in the workplace. These will be sent to the group secretary who will then arrange for circulation to the group members.

30th October 2012 First meeting of Task and Finish Group to discuss intelligence gathered and identify two or three priority issues to take forward

31st December 2012 Task and Finish Group to present recommendations to AIAC on priority issues, how these will be taken forward and the timescales. This will be in the form of an AIAC paper

Group membership

6 As previously agreed the membership should not come from members of AIAC. It should be comprised of people who are industry 'experts'. The number of members should be small. The project leader will be nominated by the main committee and will be responsible for reporting progress.

Action

7 AIAC to note, comment and agree to the above

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