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## **HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION**

### **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONIAC)**

#### **Report of the Intelligence Working Group**

#### **Summary**

**This paper summarises the outcome of the meeting of the Intelligence**

**Working Group on 7 August 2002**

#### **No-fault Reporting in Construction**

1 There was discussion on the possibility of a no-fault system of reporting, similar to that used by the CAA. Whilst it was felt more difficult to apply this in the construction industry, given the larger number of organisations and the different enforcement regimes.

#### **Construction Worker Health and Lost Time Survey**

2 At the first meeting of the Working Group, members had discussed the possibility of a dedicated survey of construction workers to improve data on ill health and lost time that was currently estimated through the Labour Force Surveys and Self-reported Work-related Ill Health Survey. A draft proposal was tabled and the survey proposal was supported with the addition of an indication of the desired outputs. There was some concern over the possible lack of representative sampling if the survey were to concentrate on CSCS and similar cardholders - this will have to be addressed and corrected for in the survey.

3 At the request of members at the first meeting, John Hodgson attended representing HSE Epidemiology and Medical Statistics Unit (EMSU). EMSU are proposing a similar survey of employers and employees in 2004/5 and it was suggested that the construction survey be combined with it. As this might delay the

construction survey, this was offered as an early pilot of the main EMSU survey. Details will be discussed with EMSU.

### **Construction Factsheet**

4 A revised construction factsheet (existing versions are currently available on the HSE website) was circulated to members after the meeting. No comments have yet been received, but the factsheet has already been through another iteration that will be circulated to members for comment before the next CONIAC.

### **Intelligence Strategy**

5 Circulation of the draft intelligence strategy has elicited a useful response from NHBC on a number of issues that might be included in a RIDDOR review. Some of these are already being pursued under the RIDDOR research being carried out by Bomel. These additional issues will be considered when the Bomel work is completed towards the end of the year.

### **Action**

6 Members are asked to note the above report.

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