



Construction Division Plan of Work 2015/16

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Injury and Ill-health



- Construction = 5% of the employees in Britain but 31% of fatal injuries and 10% of major injuries.
- Long-term downward accident trend but, still in 2013/14(p):
 - 42 fatal injuries to construction workers
 - 1,900 major injuries to employees
 - 76,000 cases of work-related ill health, of which 31,000 were new cases.



Recurring challenges



- Falls from height still biggest cause of serious injury - 45% fatalities & 31% majors in 2013/14.
- Small sites responsible for average 75% fatalities.
- 47% of RIDDORs for 'refurb' type work (remodelling, repair, extension etc.)
- Continuing moral and financial burden of ill-health:
 - Largest burden of occupational cancer of all industrial sectors (construction = >40% occupational cancer deaths & registrations)
 - 1.7 million days lost due to ill health (13/14)

Plan of Work



- CDM 2015
- Inspection – **Health & Safety**
- Investigation
- Working with the industry

Embedding CDM 2015



- Clients, Designers, H&S professionals and SMEs
- Briefings by CD Operational /Sector staff.
- Guidance – ‘L’ Series, industry guidance, CDM Wizard, HSE website.
- ‘Track back’ by inspectors.

Focus for Inspection



- Smaller Sites/Projects
- Home Build – smaller, not previously visited
- Refurbishment + intensive
- Asbestos
- Timber Frame
- Fragile roofs
- Locally identified priorities e.g., basements
- Health – respiratory risks, welfare, MSDs, noise, HAVs



Other continuing work



- Major Projects
- Temporary demountable structures
- WWT (c 90 events planned)
- Large contractors ('Top 30')
- Health



Other Work by CD Sector



- CDM 2015 – next chapter
- Guidance – ‘Busy Builder’ sheets etc.
- Work with CONIAC/industry partners
- Work with OGDs/other regulators
- Horizon-scanning

