

**LAC 67-2 rev3 - Supplementary Material 3****Summary of national planning priorities 2012 - 2013****Over arching principles**

LAs should decide, plan and target their health & safety interventions having regard to the range of interventions available, the risk profile of the business/sector, national information (accident statistics, national priorities, Primary/Lead Authority inspection plans) and local knowledge and priorities.

LAs should reserve proactive inspection for Category 'A' premises and consider the use of other non-inspection techniques for other categories of premises. In keeping with the Government's reforms of health and safety, there are no restrictions on reactive work but LAs should consider using HSE's Incident Selection Criteria and risk based approach to complaints handling to assist with targeting their resources.

**1) Proactive interventions:****At Premises:**

- a) rated Category A (See Annexe B) - use the most appropriate form of intervention, and this may include proactive inspection;
- b) that are part of an agreed Primary Authority (PA) health and safety inspection plan - use those interventions supported by the PA inspection plan and the site rating - proactive inspections are only appropriate for suitable Category A sites;
- c) demonstrating a significant potential local issue – select the most appropriate intervention to address the risk posed using the interventions appropriate to the premise risk rating;
- d) where there is sufficient weight of intelligence over a period of time (complaints, RIDDOR reports, adverse insurance reports, risk rating history, information from other enforcing authorities etc ) combined with a relevant workplace context ( number of employees , public risk etc) to indicate poor performance and/or potential significant breaches of health and safety law (see supplementary materials – Identifying Poor Performers) – select the most appropriate intervention to address the risk posed using the interventions appropriate to the premise risk rating, and
- e) identified as part of a recognised national priority, for 2012/13 these are:
  - i) Sites identified as within the scope of the nationally recognised Beauty Sector intervention plan - using the most appropriate form of intervention based on the individual premises risk rating this may include proactive inspection, if justified, at Category A rated sites;
  - ii) visitor attractions to prevent or control ill health arising from animal contact<sup>1</sup> - select the most appropriate intervention appropriate to the individual premise risk rating,
  - iii) asbestos duty to manage and awareness raising<sup>2</sup> - select the most appropriate intervention appropriate to the individual premise risk rating and

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<sup>1</sup> [Strategy for preventing or controlling ill health from animal contact at visitor attractions](#) – HSElex extranet link: password protected

<sup>2</sup> LAs should use the principles for targeting and intervention planning of asbestos related work as outlined in the [Construction and Public Services Strategies](#) – HSElex extranet link: password protected

iv) where LAs are involved in the London 2012 Games (during 2011/12 and 2012/13) proactive interventions should be in accordance with The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) intervention strategy<sup>3</sup>. This Strategy provides for early intervention to gain assurance that standards will be met, and aims for no proactive inspection during Games time.

## 2) Reactive Interventions

- a) investigations in response to information from a single complaint, RIDDOR report or adverse insurance report where the nature of the information indicate poor duty holder performance (see supplementary materials – Identifying Poor Performers and LAC 22/13) and/or potential significant breaches of health and safety law; For 2012/13 this should include using incident selection criteria to select relevant mains gas related incidents and complaints. NB Improved Gas Safe liaison arrangements are in development to support investigations
- b) Visits to specified sites as part of the coordinated national campaign to address LPG underground pipe work in response to the Lord Gill recommendation;
- c) during visits for another primary purpose, for example a food safety inspection where if matters of evident concern and /or significant breaches of health and safety law are identified they are dealt with at the same time;
- d) to check compliance with a notice.

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<sup>3</sup> [LOCOG Intervention Strategy - developed by HSE, in consultation with Host Borough LAs and subsequent wider LA consultation](#)