

Environmental Services

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Dear Emmie

Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council is delighted to support this year's Better Backs campaign to tackle back pain in the work place.

We are serious about managing the risks of back pain at work and will be demonstrating our support during 2007, by taking the following actions:

- **To analyse the full impact of musculoskeletal disorders within OMBC.**
- **To create an action plan based on the findings of our analysis and the feedback from stakeholders.**
- **Organise events and provide arrangements to engage with staff and businesses of the borough about musculoskeletal disorders (to include 2 major events).**

By doing these things we plan to achieve the following:

- **To raise awareness of musculoskeletal problems and provide information to help prevent them to staff of OMBC and businesses of the borough.**
- **Reduced absence at OMBC due to musculoskeletal disorders.**
- **Increased awareness of local Businesses with the HSE's "Better Backs Campaign".**
- **Reduced level of accidents at OMBC caused through manual handling.**

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Success will be measured by:

- **Comparing sickness figures for musculoskeletal disorders at the beginning and end of the campaign (percentage of all sickness and the number of days).**
- **Recording the number of businesses informed about the campaign.**
- **Recording the number of staff (training courses, conferences, seminars etc).**
- **Recording the changes to work procedures introduced to reduce the risk of manual handling accidents.**
- **Record the number of staff in receipt of instruction/information or engaged in awareness raising events (training courses, conferences, seminars, visiting website) on musculoskeletal disorder.**

Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council is committed to working with HSE and the Businesses / Population of Oldham on this issue - together we can make a real difference.

Yours sincerely

Mark Odell

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