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Better Backs Campaign
Health and Safety Executive
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Dear Emmie

Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is delighted to support this year's Better Backs campaign which aims to reduce the incidence and impact of back pain and upper limb disorders caused or made worse by work and to reduce the number of working days lost to these causes.

We have set ourselves the following goals with view to tackling back pain and upper limb disorders in our work place:

- **Highlight the benefit of 24 hour back care awareness**
- **Improve attendance to Manual Handling Training**
- **Improve the investigation process of all MSD related incidents**
- **Assist staff in their return to the workplace following a MSD.**

We plan to achieve our goals by taking the following actions:

- *Arrange a Display Stand in the Dining Room promoting the European Week for Safety & Health at Work 2007 – 'Lighten the Load Campaign'. This will include posters, HSE and CSP handouts and a member of the Health, Safety & Welfare Team for advice.*
- *Re-organising the full mandatory training programme for the organisation*
- *Health, safety & Welfare Team to personally investigate all RIDDOR accidents. Managers to investigate all other incidents, which will result in recommendations/Action Plans to prevent similar occurrences.*
- *With the support of the Health, Safety & Welfare / Occ Health Support Team and the introduction of a Rehabilitation Tool Kit.*

Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is committed to working with HSE and the Local Authorities on this issue - together we can make a real difference.

Yours sincerely

Mark Ebbrell
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