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During 2006 the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) ran a pilot initiative at Peterborough City Council which involved handing over inspection responsibilities from HSE in two industrial sectors. This transfer was the first of its kind: neither HSE nor the local authority had prior experience of a large-scale handover on a premises-by-premises basis.

This independent report examines the effect of these pilot activities. It has two main components. Firstly, a process evaluation which assesses the way in which the pilot programme has been delivered, the way in which staff have been supported, the challenges that they have faced, and the successes they have experienced. Secondly, an impact evaluation, leading to a costs and benefits analysis, which investigates the extent to which the service has resulted in a cost-effective improvement in outcomes.

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