

Sample questionnaires for surveillance of employees potentially exposed to substances that can cause occupational asthma

This is a suggested format for a questionnaire, which should be used by a responsible person as part of health surveillance and may be reproduced freely. Individual occupational health professionals may wish to modify it to suit their local circumstances.

Notes for the responsible person:

- 1 Employees should be instructed about the possible effects of occupational asthma and should be warned that symptoms can occur outside normal working hours.
- 2 The pre-exposure questionnaire should be administered before someone starts work to establish health status.
- 3 While work with substances that can cause occupational asthma continues the periodic questionnaire should be used at least annually, or as advised by the occupational health adviser to the company. MS 25 additionally advises completion at six weeks and 12 weeks after employment starts.
- 4 If any employees who are exposed to substances that can cause occupational asthma develop any relevant respiratory symptoms, they should be referred to the company occupational health adviser for further investigation.