



297th Meeting of the IOSH Thames Valley
Branch held on 20th January 2020 at the
University of Reading

Members present: David Armstrong, Nick Bathurst, Paul Beaumont, Stephen Brinkworth, Jane Brown, Darren Carter, Colin Clark, Howard De Silva, Charlie Cribbes, Graham Dandridge, Sue Everall, James Ford, Joe Fullbrook, Laura Graure, Chris Greenaway, Jill Griffiths, David Heath, Shirley Hoskins, Kevin Isles, Grahame Jamieson, Bridget Leathley, Zuzanna LaLanne, Julian Marks, Marc McAdden, Brian Middlemiss, Richard Mumford, Derek Page, Stuart Page, Tyrone Partridge, Christopher Peck, Mike Pitfield, Mark Polley, Alan Poole, Christina Rose, Jim Prowse, Steve Pulling, Paula Shaw, David Slade, Nevil Steadman, John Steed, Chris Stops, Jen Toner, Steve Turner, Sally Wearing, Chris Williamson Tom Wilson.

Visitors : Rob Cole, Brian Eldridge, Ian Waddell

Branch matters.

A member asked if it was usual for hospital A&E departments to carry out drug and alcohol tests for casualties with serious injuries. It is so, for them to assess the next steps in treatment (administering drugs, anaesthetics, surgery).

A member asked if employers are allowed to charge for Health & Safety courses.(HASAWA reg 9 and MHSAW reg 13 specifically say employers cannot charge for Health & Safety training to enable employees to carry out specific requirements under relevant statutory provisions).

However so HR policies may require employees to pay back the cost of certain courses within a time period if the employee then leaves that employment – but not where that training is essential to the safe performance of the job). Several members commented that it is usually not cost effective to try and recoup the costs.

A member asked if eyebolts need to inspected annually if they are not used. Advice was ‘talk to your insurer’ amend the written scheme of examination and prevent access to the area.

Topic for the evening: Behavioural Economics : Jo Greenfield

Her slides are under ‘recent events’ on the Thames Valley branch microsite.

Forthcoming meetings : 17th February – Behavioural Economics part 2

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