



# National Association for Safety & Health in Care Services

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## Special points of interest:

- National Chair
- Events

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## NASHiCS e-News

### Happy New Year and Welcome to our first e-news of 2012.

Whatever happens around us during the year, health and safety has to remain at the heart of day to day care provision.

As an association we are well placed to offer support and help to all Members; and with a growing membership, comes a wider breadth of experiences enabling us to share and learn from each other.

With a refreshed and revitalised *National Forum* in June, and two *Capital events*, one in April and one in November, along with local *Networkers*, we also offer you a wide variety of events to attend during the year.

On going issues of *Focus on Care*, our popular *e.News*, and on our web site the developing *Safety Information Portal* to keep everyone up to date.

Finally by continuing to work with other care associations and organisations across the UK, we will guarantee that health and safety does remain at the heart of care.

**Keep Safe. Chris Jackson, National Chair**

## Requests for help required from Members

### Benchmarking our statistics Adults Social Care, Leeds City Council

Please help if you can in providing data for comparison to enable them to benchmark their statistics for recorded physical assaults on **adult social care staff**. Any information will remain confidential and presented anonymously.

Approx 2500 staff. All staff are encouraged to report all incidences of violence/physical assault no matter how minor. They have a significant number of reported incidents each quarter and would like to compare statistics and reporting policy with other organisations.

Current services they provide include Residential care for older people; Day services for older people, people with learning disabilities and with mental health problems; Supported living for people with learning disabilities and those with mental health problems ; Community Support.

**Stats wanted;** Summary of services provided; Reporting policy/strategy i.e. do staff report all incidents/just injury incidents/only serious incidents;  
Number of physical assaults between 1/4/11 to 30/9/11;  
No. of staff Incidence rate (per 1000 staff - if calculated);  
Would you be happy for the collated information provided to be shared with other participants.>>

### Interpretation and application of the Fire RRO since the Rosepark Inquiry report.

Colleagues; Can you advise if possible please, what sort of response you have experienced with your respective Fire Authority, since the publication of the **Rosepark Inquiry Report**?

Have you noticed any shift in the interpretation and application of **RRO** (or the **Additional Guidance produced by NASHiCS**), by your local Fire Authority, since the publication of this report.

**This is an initial scoping enquiry** to Members only, the outcome of which will determine if more detailed work on fire safety needs to be actioned.

Please email or write (usual address) to  
**Administrator@nashics.org** giving details .

**Be assured that any information will remain confidential and presented anonymously.**

>>If you are happy to be involved please contact.

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H & S Manager Tel. 0113 39 51410

Please contact them and they will discuss with you the information and format they are seeking.

**Closing date requested is 20/01/2012**

**Focus on Care.  
Winter 2011.**

There are still a few copies of the Winter edition available. Just send the Administrator an e-mail with Name, address, no. of copies etc and they will be posted FoC.

**Failed to safely store dangerous chemicals.**

Employee suffered burns to her eyes, face and chest when an open bottle of oven cleaner splashed on her. Although there were suitable systems in place for storing chemicals, they had not been properly monitored or managed. Fines of **£8700** and **£3229** costs were imposed.

“It is not enough for employers to simply have risk assessment and procedures written down—they must also make sure their staff are aware of them and follow them properly”

<http://tinyurl.com/6se8h96>

**Rosepark Inquiry.**

The BRE held a conference at Watford in Dec on the results of the Rosepark inquiry and lessons to be learned. For those of you who were not able to attend there is posted on the web a report compiled from a Member. >>Document page >> Fire

<http://www.nashics.org>

**Membership of the Association**

**WELCOME**

**We extend a warm welcome to the following organisations who have joined NASHiCS.**

C=Corporate, I=Individual

**December** CQCS Ltd (I) Powys County Council (I)

**However we have to say Good Bye to**

Glasgow City Council, Order of St Johns and Global HSE solutions Ltd.

**New fire risk assessor professional register launched.**

A new register of fire risk assessors which will recognise certification schemes that have UKAS accreditation has been launched by the Institute of Fire Safety Managers (IFSM).

<http://tinyurl.com/76wnodf>

**Fire Service gets tough on law breakers.**

The Fire Safety Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 came into effect on 15 November last year, bringing a more risk-based approach similar to that of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in England and Wales.

1yr after the introduction of new fire safety legislation, Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) is warning that its approach to enforcement is to be ‘much more stringent’.

<http://tinyurl.com/6ncbqes>

**Advice for workers.**

All workers get the same protection under British health and safety law whether they are working here legally or not.

Every worker has the right to a workplace where the risks to health and safety are properly controlled.

<http://tinyurl.com/85dcpoy>

**Topics and speakers include:-**

- Health and Safety Executive ; Care Inspectorate; Practitioners supporting & advising managers; Where to go for guidance?; Fire Safety for the Care Sector, Strategy and Management including lessons from Rosepark; Strathclyde Fire and Rescue;
- Scottish Building Standards Agency; Open Forum on Health and Safety Topics and more.. **Programme and booking details on web shortly**

**Council fined for carbon monoxide leak at community centre.**

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council has been fined for endangering people's health after carbon monoxide leaked from a gas boiler at a community centre.

It was fined **£20,000** and ordered to pay **£25,550** costs.

<http://tinyurl.com/7gapaaa>

**EH40/2005 Workplace exposure limits**

New edition takes account of new substances and workplace exposure limits (WELs)

<http://tinyurl.com/86dwdmq>

**Health and Social Care Bill**

Line by line examination of the Bill took place in the House of Lords during the 15th day of committee stage on 21st December.

Report stage – further line by line examination of the Bill - is yet to be scheduled.

**Safer together - moving forward**

Is the theme of our next Capital Event

**Date; 3rd April 2012**

**Place; Edinburgh Scotland**

**Venue; COSLA Centre.**

**New contact No. for Administrator.**

Please note that in addition to the land line Tel. No. you can now ring, text or leave a voice mail for the Administrator on

**07840160030**

**Networkers.** In the last e-News issue we asked for your help to fulfil the wishes of Members to have meetings more local and with an agenda

Thank you to those who have responded but we still need a few more to enable us to cover the country.

**So we still need your help.**

Will you volunteer a room for 20 persons available from 1:30 to 4:00pm? Arrange some parking? Have some ideas for the subject matter which is pertinent to your area and activity.

**We will support you** with an NE Member, admin support if required and will provide beverages.

If you wish to know more and will help just email - [andy.hollingshead@leics.gov.uk](mailto:andy.hollingshead@leics.gov.uk)

with your details and he will talk it through with you.

Please remember that **NASHiCS** is a Member Association and the NE and National Officers are volunteers who undertake this in addition to their full time work.



**Going for Gold - Raising Standards  
NATIONAL LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT FORUM**

27-28 June 2012 | Barceló Daventry Northampton Hotel



Barcelo Hotel Daventry Northampton.