

BANGOR UNIVERSITY
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 5th November 2010

Present: Dr D Assinder, Ms J Caulfield, Mr R Dart, Mr J East

361. BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS REVIEW

The Biological Safety Officer presented a summary of the aims, methodology and findings of the Review of the Management and Control of Biological Hazards. In particular it was noted that:

- i. Following identification of a lack of training as a key weakness in the control of biological hazards, the review was suspended to enable the development of suitable training courses. Key staff have now received appr

363. HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AUDIT

A summary of the Health and Safety Management Systems Audit package was given. This initial benchmark audit had been developed in conjunction with the College of Natural Sciences and it was noted that audits of all other Colleges would be complete by April 2011.

It was also noted that the Audit was structured in such a way that it enabled different levels of health and safety leadership within Colleges to be identified.

The Head of CoPAS expressed concern that Colleges should not be seen as at fault when the audit identified areas of weakness that were beyond their control. It was also noted that there was a need to ensure that all Colleges and Departments were made aware of their responsibilities to address problem areas identified by the Audit which fall under their control.

364. HEALTH INITIATIVES REPORT

A summary of health support and enhancement initiatives was given. In particular it was noted that:

- i. Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome (HAVS): The HSE visited Bangor following a report of HAVS (reportable under RIDDOR). The HSE were satis

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- c) Concern was expressed regarding control of Contractors working within academic buildings and in relation to outstanding estate-related actions reported following College and Departmental Health and Safety Inspections. It was agreed that these items would be referred to the Estates & Facilities Department and a means of bringing forward estate-related items to the Committee would be considered.
- d) It was noted Fire Assembly Points across the University are not fully signed and that details of Call Point locations are not being provided by Estates and Facilities to Colleges / Departments. It was agreed the matter would be raised with Estates and Facilities.