

Date of Reported Meeting: Thursday 19th September 2019

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 7th November 2019

Service Strikes & Permits to Dig

It was reported that the BDA and AGS are setting up a Joint Industry Working Group (JIWG) regarding service to look at co-ordinating an improvement initiative on the issue of service strikes. It was noted that PAS128 'Specification for underground utility detection, verification and location' is currently being reviewed with publication in early 2020. There is a JIWG meeting in the coming weeks they will be looking to formalise any outcomes in line with the launch of the PAS revision.

Cage supplier/Exclusion zones and Manual handling

The group received updates from on these.

Proximity devices

It was reported that Cementation are trialling a system that slows down a slewing rig if someone enters the exclusion zone. More details shall be shared in the future.

FPS Audit

It is anticipated that there will need to be changes considering the new Occupational Health Charter and its requirements around health monitoring.

Quarterly Accident Statistics (attached)

It was noted that several accidents were a result of risky behaviour and there was discussion on how this can be hard to address. There was also some discussion about a potential category for mental health injury as these can contribute to lost time.

It was noted that there had been an incident resulting from concrete blowing out and that Expanded had experienced several of these, leading to the use of grout for blockages. It was agreed that concrete blowing out and blockages should be added to the agenda for further discussion.

CPCS Management Committee

It was reported that the CPCS management committee are no longer eligible to be the Plant Sector Representative Organisation (PSRO) and therefore they are looking for new individuals to be part of the PSRO and will be contacting industry bodies, including the FPS, for representatives to take this on.

They are also researching digital logbooks and want to talk to other countries going forward to ensure a consistent format with other schemes in Europe.

It was also noted that the NOCN is currently running 10 separate software packages and that they are looking to rationalise this.

EFFC Health & Safety WG

It was noted the next EFFC Health & Safety WG meeting was happening following the Safety, Plant and Operations meeting so there was not an update. However, it was previously reported that the EFFC are working on expert guidance documents on lifting operations. They are also looking at engaging with universities to embed an awareness of safety at that stage of a person's training. They have an ongoing work stream on developing a universal rig operator license across Europe to ease cross-border working.