

Date of Reported Meeting: Thursday 21st March 2019

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 16th May 2019

Cage Supplier Safety Issues

It was reported that a small working group had been formed to see how suppliers want to engage with the FPS and to look at creating a best practice document for transporting. The idea is to eventually create a common FPS audit for suppliers. It was noted that the cage supplier safety group will shortly be producing a guide on best practice, they are also working on producing standards for audits.

Manual Handling H&S Campaign

It was reported a small working group has been set up, with representations from operations, plant, safety to work together and devise an approach to manual handling. They are looking at automating manual handling wherever practicable. It was noted the group has not progressed as quickly as anticipated due to lack of involvement from members.

Service Strikes

It was previously noted that the FPS needs to determine what they want from a permit and how they want to enforce the scheme to get a better outcome on site. It was reported a service had been struck during HS2 works which had then been highlighted to HSE. It was reported that an article on the issue has been placed on social media to raise the profile of the number of service strikes in the industry, the group will be meeting to discuss this further.

CITB Training Standards Meeting

The FPS has developed the initial standards, however the CITB have currently placed all training standards on hold. It was noted that if courses are aligned to standard then funding can still be claimed, however the course would not be on the course directory which is what the FPS wants. It was noted the CITB had had a meeting about the provision of plant training in the industry. The CITB are reviewing their role in the accreditation process and that there are some other organisations that are at the point where they can accredit Plant training.

Accident statistics

Please note the quarter one statistics are in the process of being collated and are not available for review yet.

The group have been looking at high potential incidents; data collection has been reviewed and altered to improve how the FPS can identify areas for improvements.

Training

- The Trailblazer is still being progressed forward; RBL now have a service level agreement with Stephenson College to begin running the Trailblazer apprenticeship.
- PSSTS is available to members, interest should be sent to the FPS Secretariat.
- One Day Safety Site Safety Plus course remains available to Members via CITA and Cementation
- NVQ Level 3 Occupational Work Safety course is open to FPS members however minimum numbers are required to go ahead.