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# Welcome

## A very warm welcome to our spring edition

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**Welcome to the our 10th Anniversary and Spring edition of UKATA Matters. In this issue you will see that there is much to celebrate and indeed I hope as many of our members as possible will be doing just that and joining Kris Akabusi, the Head Office Team and Directors at the 10th Anniversary Awards Dinner and Dance on Friday 6th July 2018 set at the Radisson Blu East Midlands Airport following on from the afternoon AGM, the evening promises to be an event not to be missed.**

We are delighted to have launched our own UKATA Excellence Awards for the 10th Anniversary and if you have not already done so, you can enter now with full details to be found on page 16. Closing date is 16th May 2018 so don't delay! I look forward to introducing all the shortlisted nominees in the next edition of the magazine.

We have a dedicated commemorative pull out section pages 11-22 looking back at the past 10 years which makes for very interesting reading, including the history of UKATA, worldwide information and UKATA charity involvement as well as looking at how far we have come in those 10 years and our current success stories.

At the close of 2017 we saw UKATA gain a Highly Commended award and Craig Evans win Business Person of the Year at the Derbyshire Times Awards and UKATA have made an excellent start to this year being on the shortlist of nominees at the Safety & Health Excellence Awards taking place in April, for our Train Safe Campaign

2017, see page 20 for more and details of how to attend the event. I also hope that our members will take the opportunity to join us at one of the many great events already arranged around the country. Key dates are on the footnote of the General Managers welcome.

As we all reflect on the past 10 years, for me personally, it is my privilege to be involved with such a worthwhile and important Association, supporting our members and growing the UKATA brand and I believe the next ten years will be even better. I hope that you will enjoy reading this edition and as always I would welcome any suggestions or comments. Please contact our Sub Editor Victoria Castelluccio at Head Office in the first instance and we will try to include any articles you submit wherever possible.

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# Welcome

from the General Manager

## Welcome to the 10th Anniversary Commemorative edition of UKATA Matters.

**Having been with UKATA for over 6 years now, I have been involved with assisting the Board of Directors to improve and evolve the association to reach this milestone. I am really looking forward to another 10 years of excellence, seeing UKATA grow from strength to strength as the leading authority in asbestos training. I am also very happy to be working alongside a dedicated staff team, who continue to raise standards in the asbestos industry and share their ideas for further improvements to benefit members.**



Craig Evans - General Manager

To commemorate our 10 Year Anniversary, we are hosting a celebratory Dinner & Dance plus Excellence Awards Ceremony. Taking place at East Midlands Radisson Blu Hotel 6th July 2018 from 6:30pm until late. The purpose of the awards is to honour and recognise excellence within the industry, celebrating success and innovation and rewarding members for their commitment and dedication to the asbestos and wider sectors.

Members are encouraged to submit applications at the earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment and to be in with a chance of receiving a UKATA Excellence Award. For more information about the awards see page 16.

The Dinner & Dance plus Excellence Awards Ceremony takes place on the same date as the Annual General Meeting, where we look forward to welcoming members. UKATA Chairman Graham O'Mahony will deliver the formal business to members followed by two industry speakers. There will also be three places available on the Board of Directors this year and more information about this will follow over the coming weeks. Gill Lewis, Company Secretary has recently issued an invitation to all members and a considerable number of responses have already been received. If you have not done so already, please confirm your attendance.

There are several exciting events already set in the calendar this year, giving us the opportunity to promote our members and the UKATA brand to the wider industry. These events will see us travel throughout the country, covering Wales, Durham, Birmingham and London, with more events currently in the planning stages.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

North East Working Well Together Event, Durham.....	17th April
South Wales Safety Groups Alliance	
Annual H&S Conference & Exhibition .....	18th April
Safety & Health Expo, ExCeL London.....	19th - 21st June
UKATA AGM, Dinner & Dance plus	
Excellence Awards Ceremony .....	6th July
Contamination Expo Series, NEC Birmingham ...	12th - 13th Sept

UKATA has built a great reputation as the leading authority on asbestos training and with this comes many opportunities to speak, including our very own Prof. Roger Willey who will be taking centre stage at the Contamination Expo in the Keynote Theatre. For anyone who has seen Roger speak before, this is certainly an event not to be missed.

This year promises to be another busy year for UKATA, with work currently ongoing with new course developments and upcoming member working groups.

The regional meetings are also fast approaching. We have received a great interest in attendance this year from members, and this is set to be our best attended round of regional meetings to date. Graham O'Mahony and the Senior Management Team will be travelling the Country to meet members at venues in Chesterfield, Glasgow, Leighton Buzzard and Caerphilly. A big thank you to our members who have offered their venues to host these meetings. I look forward to meeting many familiar faces but also meeting some of our recently approved training providers.

I hope you enjoy this commemorative edition, where we cover the growth of UKATA from humble beginnings to the modern, established and industry recognised association we have become today.

As always, the office team is on hand to provide guidance and support throughout your membership with UKATA, so please do not hesitate to get in touch.



**Congratulations to Debbie Nixon and Gill Lewis who celebrate 10 YEARS with the Association.**



# UKATA increases commitment to CSR

**As part of celebrations to mark its ten year anniversary, the UK Asbestos Training Association (UKATA) is sponsoring the Chesterfield Junior Blues under-8 Jaguars football team, for the season ahead. Based at Markham Vale, UKATA is keen to continue its work within the local community.**

The Association has a history of supporting Chesterfield junior sports, having sponsored Staveley Miners Welfare FC under-9's back in 2015. This time, UKATA is sponsoring the Jaguar's team training jackets and away tops, which were seen for the first time at their recent match on 24 February at Highfield Park, Staveley.

"When Jaguars team manager Adam Pitchford approached us looking for help, we were delighted to offer our support," said UKATA General Manager Craig Evans. "UKATA is committed to playing a role in the local community in which we work, while promoting Chesterfield as a great place to do business too. Working with junior sports underlines that we do more than pay lip service to our obligations in terms of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). We all wish the Jaguars all the best for the season ahead in the Rowsley League."

Founded in 2002 by former Chesterfield FC legend and Football in the Community Officer Andy Morris (Bruno), (a Spireites hero thanks to the '97 cup run and for scoring the club's first goal at Old Trafford), Chesterfield Junior Blues comprises several teams in the Rowsley and District League.

"As we mark our tenth anniversary this year, 2018 is a milestone for UKATA," added Craig. "We started by taking on three local young apprentices and sponsoring the Jaguars is a great addition. Our focus is the importance of asbestos awareness training and football sponsorship is a great way for UKATA to get our name in front of some of the sole traders at risk of asbestos exposure. It is important we reach out to them."

Representatives from the team have committed to attending regular training sessions to support the Jaguars. The photos included were taken when Craig Evans attended Highfield Park in February to cheer on the team.



# Asbestos in the News



## Manufacturing company and contractor fined after failing to prevent exposure to asbestos

A manufacturing company and contractor have been prosecuted after failing to prevent exposure of workers and others to asbestos whilst cleaning an asbestos cement roof.

The manufacturing company contacted the contractor to clean its premises including the asbestos cement roof in September 2016.

The Magistrates' Court heard that the work to clean the roof was unnecessary and had not been agreed in advance with the landlord of the property.

A Health Safety Executive investigation found that the contractor had failed to identify the risks involved. There were insufficient measures put in place to prevent exposure to asbestos when using an industrial high pressure jet washer to clean a fragile asbestos cement roof. Asbestos was subsequently found in debris around the premises.

The manufacturing company did not select a suitable contractor and did not monitor or supervise the work

being carried out by the contractor on the roof. If the work was required, the company should have employed a specialist contractor with access to specialist cleaning equipment.

The manufacturing company pleaded guilty to breaching Section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and was fined £8000 with £3913.94 costs.

The contractor, pleaded guilty to breaching Regulations 6 and 11 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and was fined £330 with £3910.94 costs.

Speaking after the hearing HSE inspector said: "The case highlights the importance of following the advice and guidance that is freely available from HSE to prevent the risk of exposure to asbestos to members of the public and workers. Asbestos can cause serious diseases and still kills around 5000 workers per year. If the appropriate control measures had been taken then workers and members of the public would not have been put at risk"

## Company fined after employees exposed to asbestos fibres

Operators of a natural gas storage facility, has been sentenced today after 13 employees and contractors were exposed to asbestos fibres.

The Magistrates' Court heard that a team of three mechanical maintenance personnel were tasked with the removal of a non-return valve from a compressed air distribution system. Some of the sealing gasket material was difficult to remove so they used a wire brush mounted on an electric drill to remove the gasket material which spread fibres from the gasket around the maintenance workshop onto floors, work benches and clothing.

Two days later another employee of the company became suspicious of the fibrous dust, and having reported his concerns, arranged for a sample of the dust to be tested. It was found to contain chrysotile (white) asbestos fibres. The maintenance workshop was later closed to prevent access by employees and contractors.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) prosecuting told the court that the company had failed to identify in the risk assessment for this job that there were asbestos gaskets attached to the non-return valve. HSE also told the court that records held on site, which could have helped identify the presence of asbestos, were not adequate and that the maintenance team leader involved in this task had not undertaken asbestos awareness training.

The company pleaded guilty to breaching Sections 2 (1) and 3(1) of the Health & Safety at Work etc, Act 1974.

The company has been fined £300,000 and ordered to pay costs of £12,670.72.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE Inspector said: "In this case the company substantially failed to manage the risks associated with asbestos found within their process plant and have needlessly risked the future health of 13 people. Employers should ensure that they have in place adequate arrangements for both the identification and management of asbestos which may be found in buildings or process plant."

"Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral fibre which was widely used in both building and engineering materials for its strength, heat and chemical resistance. This can cause serious diseases including mesothelioma, lung cancer and asbestosis which are often fatal. These diseases do not have an immediate effect, they often take a long time to develop, but once diagnosed, it is often too late to do anything. HSE's Go Home Healthy campaign aims to prevent work-related lung disease by ensuring employers and workers have the information they need to work right.



# Mesothelioma Trials



## Mesothelioma Stratified Therapy (MiST)

The Mesothelioma Research Programme announced in early 2018 that support has been received from The British Lung Foundation to lead the development of Mesothelioma Stratified Therapy (MiST). Professor Dean A Fennell, PhD FRCP explains more:

Drug based therapies are limited by variations in sensitivity within the population being treated. Some patients' mesotheliomas are drug-sensitive, whilst others are resistant. In recent years, it has become clear that in order to maximize the benefit of anticancer drugs, a one-size-fits-all approach, is no longer applicable.

Identifying patients' tumours likely to respond to a particular drug requires a predictive biomarker, coupled to a targeted therapy. So called, Personalised medicine. For patients with mesothelioma, personalised medicine is currently in its infancy.



Dean A. Fennell, PhD FRCP  
Professor and Consultant in Thoracic Medical Oncology  
Director, Mesothelioma Research Programme

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## Mesothelioma Research Programme

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With the support of a £2.5M donation from the British Lung Foundation, Leicester is leading the development of the world's first molecularly stratified umbrella study, Mesothelioma Stratified Therapy (MiST).

This trial, set to open in the 1st quarter of 2018 will utilise as a first step, a molecular profiling panel to identify patients who are eligible for treatment. The second step will be to stratify patients for treatment, based on molecular eligibility. Patients would receive up to 4 different treatments sequentially. The third step will be to utilize genomic interrogation of the original biopsy tissue, in order to understand why patients respond (or not) to the trial drugs, and if they respond, what factors eventually lead to the emergence of drug resistance.

MiST will be a flagship, Leicester sponsored clinical trial. Initially located in a single centre, the expectation will be that the study will be able to expand to multiple UK centres, with the potential to add promising new treatment arms and additional molecular stratifications.

## Mavis Nye Foundation Update

Regular readers of UKATA Matters will be aware of the work UKATA has been involved with to support **"Mesothelioma Warrior"** Mavis Nye in her mission to promote **The Mavis Nye Foundation**.

The primary aim of the foundation is to reach out to as many donors as possible by mid 2018, to enable grants to provide a hardship fund to support newly diagnosed victims of mesothelioma in the UK, who may require short term travel expenses to reach treatment when unable to claim elsewhere.

Mavis Nye has asked UKATA Matters to pass on a message to those who have been involved in supporting the foundation.



"Thank you so much for all the donations we have received so far. We will be able to start grants and fulfilling our aims soon thanks to everyone's generosity. Together we will help to find the Mesothelioma treatment and maybe a cure that we so desperately need.

The Foundation's primary aim is to reach out to as many donors as possible by mid-2018 to enable the grants to begin. A sum of £100k is hoped to be raised by donations and fundraising events. Without these donations we cannot begin to help those in need of our support.

The aim is to provide a hardship fund, support and financial grants to aid newly diagnosed victims of Mesothelioma in the UK, whom may require short term travel expenses to reach treatment when they are unable to claim these expenses elsewhere.

Also to offer grants for; smaller research labs to pursue the development of new drugs for Mesothelioma research in the UK, to support young University students studying to become Mesothelioma Doctors and to offer grants towards securing more CNS Nurses in the UK "



# South Wales Conference

## South Wales Safety Groups Alliance Conference 18th April 2018 – Cardiff Stadium

In January 2018, the UK Asbestos Training Association announced their commitment to attend The South Wales Safety Groups Alliance 3rd Annual Conference and Exhibition on Wednesday 18 April.

Over 300 delegates will gather at Cardiff City Stadium this year, they will also have the opportunity to hear from UKATA Director and globally recognised asbestos expert, Professor Roger Willey.

UKATA were invited to address “The real issues of asbestos”. Roger will cover current issues, the dangers of exposure and as always, will have his own unique style of delivering best practice messages for delegates to take away with them. Roger has over 35 years of experience in the field, with many delegates attending events just to hear him speak.

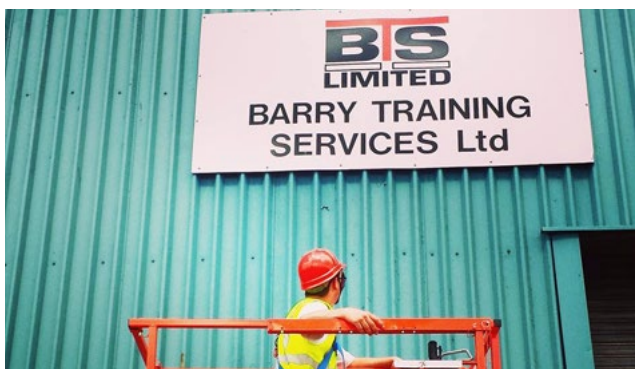
With the speaker list including representatives from IOSH and BOHS, Professor Willey is able to share his knowledge and expertise to likeminded professionals.

Representatives from UKATA Head office will also be in attendance at the event, showcasing membership opportunities and promoting UKATA Members.

UKATA Members Barry Training and Enquin Environmental will be present, and here is what they have to say about the event:



Professor Roger Willey



### Barry Training Services

As a member of the South Wales Safety Groups Alliance BTS will be attending the annual conference in Cardiff on the 18th April to help support & promote health & safety along with many other safety experts including UKATA. The event will cover six important aspects of occupational safety and health including general topics on insurance perspectives, sensible health surveillance, mental health in the workplace and more specific HSE priority subjects, asbestos, noise and HAVS.



### Enquin Environmental

Sally Cuff, Enquin’s Business Development Manager, said “We are delighted to be supporting this event once again this year. The South Wales Safety Groups Alliance is a great example of a successful collaboration between key safety groups within the varied fields of Health and Safety. We are especially pleased that UKATA’s Professor Willey will be discussing ‘Asbestos-the real issues’. Asbestos is one of the HSE’s priority subjects and this year’s event will hopefully give delegates some key asbestos messages to take away with them.”

Enquin Environmental has supported this event since the Inaugural Conference took place at Cardiff City Stadium in 2016, with the 2017 Conference taking place at the Liberty Stadium in Swansea.





# Safety & Health Expo 2018

**Join UKATA at The Safety & Health Expo 2018, taking place at ExCeL London 19th – 21st June 2018.**

The Safety & Health Expo 2018 is Europe's largest health and safety event where all key associations, manufacturers, distributors and industry leaders come together to discuss how to change the perception of health and safety and continue to successfully keep workers and environments safe.

The Senior Management Team, along with Events & Marketing Officer Victoria Castelluccio will represent UKATA on stand number T350. This event is expected to be attended by over 13,500 national and international key industry professionals throughout the construction and health & safety sector over the 3 day event. This event provides a great platform to promote UKATA members and membership opportunities to a wide and relevant audience.

Victoria Castelluccio says "From our past experience of attending the Safety & Health Expo, we expect the majority of delegates visiting stand to be interested in receiving information on UKATA approved asbestos training providers. With the technology we have available on site, we are able to share training providers details on the spot".

UKATA have found the experience of attending the show a great success with increasing numbers of membership applications to the association, the demand is much higher as more and more sites insist on UKATA approved training in order for workers to access construction sites.



VIP tickets are available from UKATA HQ, for those interested please contact [victoria.castelluccio@ukata.org.uk](mailto:victoria.castelluccio@ukata.org.uk)



# Contamination Expo

12th & 13th September 2018



## CONTAMINATION EXPO SERIES 2018

The UK Asbestos Training Association would like to share details of the new venue for the 2018 Contamination Expo Series:

The event will take place 12th & 13th September at NEC in Birmingham, the UK's No 1 venue for shows, exhibitions, meetings and events. HM The Queen officially opened the NEC in 1976, and the venue has expanded over the last 40 years to ensure a modern and comfortable space for exhibitors and delegates alike.

The new venue for the Contamination Expo allows UKATA to promote the association to an audience of over 15,000.

With a custom made platform, towering stand number 5S80, and Theatre - 5U60 dedicated to raising asbestos awareness and the latest in the contamination industry to delegates and exhibitors, UKATA can promise another effective show.

Professor Roger Willey has again been invited to speak at the Contamination Expo and will present to the audience in the Keynote Theatre, sharing his 35+ years of knowledge to the crowds. In 2016, Professor Willey was so well received by the audience, the show organisers asked him to repeat his presentation again in the afternoon.

### Theatre 5U60

Victoria Castelluccio who heads up the Events & Marketing Department for UKATA, has been working closely with the show organisers and industry professionals to secure an exciting speaker list for the UKATA Theatre, "We are working on a great line-up of industry speakers covering a range of asbestos issues. Further announcements will be made during the run up to the show. So, you won't be spoilt with the full speaker list just now. **Watch this space!!**"

### TICKETS

Free tickets are available for all UKATA members, please check [www.ukata.org.uk](http://www.ukata.org.uk) or contact Victoria Castelluccio who will guide you through the booking process.





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# From Humble Beginnings

**How UKATA began:** Prior to 2008 the HSE held a list of asbestos training providers within a group known as the ATPWG (Asbestos Training Providers' Working Group). The need to raise standards of training within the asbestos industry was widely acknowledged and the formation of a separate trade association was suggested, which is how and why UKATA began.

The inaugural meeting of UKATA was held in September 2007 with 41 of the 50 training providers on the ATPWG list agreeing to join.

UKATA's remit was to set standards, audit and manage the list of asbestos training providers going forward. It was acknowledged that if in the future training had not been provided by a UKATA member, enforcing officers may ask licensed asbestos operators to demonstrate how Chapter 4 of the Licensed Contractors' Guide had been complied with.

Previously, HSE had provided a list of known asbestos training providers as a service to individuals looking for asbestos training. HSE did not approve any training provider's status and merely directed enquirers to the training providers list. In January 2008 HSE formally tasked UKATA, as the single organisation to monitor training standards amongst its members.

- UKATA began trading in **January 2008** in Darlington, moving in **August 2008** to Markham Vale Environment Centre in Chesterfield thus providing excellent links around the UK via the M1 motorway route.
- By the end of **2009** UKATA had 77 member companies all of which had been audited to the standard set by UKATA. During consequent years each member would present each of their asbestos training courses until all had been audited on a 'rolling programme' basis.
- In **2011**, Craig Evans (currently General Manager) joined the association and brought with him a wealth of knowledge in terms of management, technology and systems. With Craig's guidance, UKATA launched the certificate generator which has proved to be an excellent asset, providing members with bespoke UKATA certificates and strengthening the UKATA brand within the industry.
- In **2012**, due to increased staffing numbers and ever-growing membership, UKATA moved to a larger premise at Markham Vale Environment Centre.  
The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 came into force in **April 2012** replacing the previous 2006 regulations, followed by the Approved Code of Practice and Guidance - Managing and Working with Asbestos, in **December 2013**.
- **2013** - The first edition of UKATA Matters was launched, with the support from newly appointed CEO Terry Barker. The newsletter was created by the Development and Marketing working group back in 2013. The publication has progressively been brought in house and is managed by the Marketing Department, with Editor in Chief Jacqui Royall overseeing editorial.
- In **2014** UKATA attended the Safety & Health Expo for the first time. This was a poignant moment for the association to be in a position to attend such a prestigious show. To receive recognition and respect from professionals gave the Senior Management Team even more encouragement to push the association forward.
- **2015** - due to expansion, more projects and opportunities, the Board of Directors and Senior Management Team saw the need to departmentalise; membership, marketing, brand protection and finance became dedicated departments. Additional courses were launched to include RPE Competent Person, Duty to Manage and Appointed Person.
- **2016** - Among many achievements, UKATA won the honour of Derbyshire Times Small Business of the year, and General Manager Craig Evans was awarded Business Person of the Year. This was a very proud moment for the whole team. UKATA also became a partner of the Contamination Expo at ExCeL London and had a very successful show...the hot topic being contaminated land. This was also the year in which the Tutor Registration System was launched to include online Tutor Knowledge Tests.
- **2017** - With interest increasing in asbestos in soils and made ground, UKATA launched two courses to cater for the demand. The team continued to grow and three new apprentices were recruited to support the membership department. The association has seen successful apprentices flourish within UKATA and expects great things from the new staff team! The online Tutor CPD System was launched ensuring ongoing competency and this was the last piece of the UKATA Competency Framework to be completed.
- **2018 - 10, 10, 10!** Celebrating 10 years of excellence, with senior staff members Gill Lewis and Debbie Nixon sharing their 10 year working anniversary with UKATA. The Association now has 10 members of staff and nearly 200 members nationwide.



# To the leading Asbestos Association



**When preparing the 10 Year Commemorative Edition of UKATA Matters, the Editor in Chief Jacqui Royall contacted former UKATA Chairman Peter Robinson of Bradley Environmental, who lead the association in the beginning.**

"I was pleased to be asked to reflect on the first ten years of UKATA, after serving over two years as the first chairman of the Association. What initially strikes me is the stability of the staff! I do not claim to have been the one who employed Gill Lewis (Company Secretary), but I was chairman at the time, and she appeared to be an ideal candidate. So much so Gill celebrates a decade of dedication to the association this year along with Debbie Nixon (Operations Manager).

The Directors at the time were also responsible for employing Craig Evans, who at the time was employed as Administrator. Having interviewed Craig Evans at about 8:30am, Gill and I spent the rest of the day interviewing other candidates, but Craig's interview was always in the back of our minds and we knew then who we wanted to get the job. I am proud to have been involved with these three key appointments".

Craig Evans has subsequently climbed the ladder throughout his 6 years and is now the General Manager of the team, and works very closely with the Board of Directors, in particular the Chair of the association.

Whilst reflecting on the past 10 years, I was reminded of the achievements over the last year alone by the arrival of an email from Craig:

- Complete review of the Rules of Membership;
- CPD Accreditation;
- Tutor Competency Framework;
- Internal audits;
- Online Tutor Registration System, including;
- Tutor Knowledge Test;
- Tutor CPD register.



Former Chairman  
Peter Robinson

The above list looks remarkably familiar and that is no criticism because review and innovation are essential elements in the "life" of an association, in particular it gives the current Directors "ownership" of the day to day function. In comparison, try writing the first Rules of Membership and keep them matching what it says in the Articles of Association!

CPD and Internal Audits were beyond our aspirations, but Tutor Competency Frameworks we aspired to. However, we did not have the money to invest in tutor-testing to make it suitably electronic and anyway how do you keep the answers secret? Let alone deciding how high you pitch the standard of knowledge required to pass a tutor assessment?

A lot of people gave a lot of their time to make those first years successful and some continue to do so, as well as those that have joined along the way. I dare not mention names for fear of leaving people out and valuing some over others, but those who were particularly active in assisting my chairmanship know who you are! We started with a long list of aspirations and during my chairmanship I was disappointed that we did not achieve everything we strived for; but we did what we could as volunteers with a day-job.

I am not going to pretend that it was all easy and without detractors. Asbestos training is not big business, but there is more than petty cash involved as witnessed by 1.1 million certificates produced by the certificate generator.

To function as an organisation setting standards in training could potentially limit aspiring members' prospects, if UKATA said they were not good enough, or on the other hand, there were those seeking to influence our stance and modus operandi to suit their particular agendas. Dealing with the politics and establishing benchmarks that could be judged in the future took up just as much if not more time than the development efforts. My legacy to the Association was relatively stable politics and benchmarking from which to get on with the job.

UKATA was a good idea; it was HSE's desire to have a means of regulating, in particular, training for work with asbestos requiring a licence. When the Head of the Asbestos Licensing Unit and another senior HSE inspector attend three or four of your first monthly committee meetings, you know something is expected of you!

**UKATA – The leading association in asbestos training, is a great achievement and I do not under-estimate in any way the challenges that the Board of Directors still face and commend the highly professional image that the Association portrays. Good luck for the next ten years.**

# Achievements over the last 10 years

**Looking back on the last 10 years of UKATA, the achievements are a true reflection of the hard work and dedication the staff team and Directors have made for the benefit of members and industry.**

## Member Benefits

Since inception, UKATA has worked tirelessly to provide membership benefits in addition to the highly regarded and well respected UKATA logo. Some of the benefits include:

- Industry recognised certification
- Tutor competency and online CPD
- Increased awareness of asbestos training
- Bespoke course syllabi
- CPD accreditation for all UKATA training

**In addition to this, UKATA members can also benefit from:**

- Discounted stand space at industry shows
- Discounted tickets to attend conferences
- Features in UKATA Matters magazine
- Website listing
- Free recruitment advertising
- Social media promotion



Craig Evans receives his award for Business Person of the Year from Stuart Cutworth at the Derbyshire Times Business Awards 2016. Picture: Andrew Roe

## Awards Success

UKATA has enjoyed great award success over recent years, receiving national media coverage and great exposure throughout the industry and wider business world. UKATA is very proud of these achievements:

- **Business Person of the Year**  
Winner - Craig Evans, General Manager
- **Small Business of the Year**  
Highly Commended - UKATA
- **Women of the Year**  
Highly Commended – Gill Lewis, Company secretary
- **Campaign of the Year**  
Finalist

## Speaking Opportunities

As the UK's leading authority in asbestos training, UKATA is frequently asked to speak at events throughout the industry. Over the past several years, UKATA focused on promoting members and the association at two particular key events in the health and safety sector, namely the Safety & Health Expo and the Contamination Expo. Attendance at these exhibitions really put UKATA on the map and provided great opportunities for the membership. Some of the highlights from speaking engagements included:

- South Wales Conference
- North East Working Well Together Event
- JUAC Conference
- DAST Conference

## Departmentalisation

UKATA's internal management and structure has really developed over the years. From humble beginnings of two staff members to the association expanding to a team of 10 dedicated staff members. UKATA departmentalised in to 4 key areas; Membership, Finance, Marketing and Brand Protection. Brand Protection is a key focus for the association over the next 12 months to ensure compliance within the industry.

## Apprentice Success

UKATA has been involved with the Apprenticeship Scheme now for over 5 years, working closely with the Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce. Apprenticeships have been very successful at UKATA and led to individuals receiving full time employment and further promotions. UKATA is currently hosting three apprentices who are working towards an NVQ in Business Administration. Coming straight from school and in to a working environment isn't always easy, however the apprentices are learning how to conduct themselves and understand the expectations of working in a professional setting.

## New Website COMING SOON

Following the appointment of General Manager Craig Evans in 2012 and given his background knowledge with technology, the association started to implement improvements with IT systems and ultimately redefine the way in which the association was managed, in a technology sense. The first development was the UKATA Website, growing the website audience by 70% and ensuring the website was up to date. UKATA is currently in the process of further developments to the website which will bring a new feel and look to the design of the website, along with more functionality and improved speed. Watch this space...





### Certificate Generator

The UKATA Certificate Generator was introduced in 2012 and provides members with exclusive access to generate the UKATA industry recognised certificate. All certificates produced by UKATA members are traceable and can be validated online via the UKATA website, providing reassurance to industry and cutting down on fraudulent certificate production.



### Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign

An initiative to offer free asbestos awareness training to those who might not know they need it was introduced in 2015 and has seen over 10,000 hours of free asbestos training offered throughout the duration of the campaign. Offering asbestos awareness training to sole traders, mesothelioma victims and their families and raising awareness throughout the Country. The campaign has been recognised by The Safety & Health Awards in 2018.

### Internship Opportunities

In 2016, UKATA introduced the Internship Programme within the Marketing Department, seeing university students/ graduates gaining work-based experience to complement their learning. The success of this programme has seen 3 former Interns realise their goal of achieving full time employment in their degree category.

### Represented at ALG

UKATA is represented on the Asbestos Liaison Group (ALG) - a forum of key stakeholders that work together in a constructive way to promote best standards and practice in relation to control and work with asbestos.

The ALG aims to promote measures that will bring about a reduction in the level of asbestos related diseases. The ALG publishes guidance material, in the form of ALG memos concerning work with asbestos. Its strategic work is detailed in the ALG workplan which takes forward the HSE strategy.

### Brand Protection

Jackie Peat manages the Brand Protection Department for the benefit of members, ensuring UKATA or its members are not misrepresented and remain compliant at all times with the UKATA Brand Guidelines. Members are encouraged to report any brand issues immediately via the website or directly to Jackie Peat.

### Charities

With a passionate and generous natured team, UKATA have raised over £13,000 in the last two years for charity. To include £10,000 for 2016 Charity Partner The British Lung Foundation and 2017 Charity Mesothelioma UK has seen £3,000 generated so far. The donations have been made thanks to 2p per certificate generated through the certificate generator being allocated to the cause. Craig Evans and Team Leader Sasha Brailsford also took to the skies, to take part in a charity skydive which raised over £3,500. The choice of charities reflects the objectives of the association.

### Bespoke Member CRM

Craig Evans, UKATA General Manager built and introduced a bespoke CRM system to securely manage the membership process. The introduction of this system was a breath of fresh air to the existing staff team. Evolving from paper-based records, in alphabetical filing systems to the high-tech system currently which provides the association with a much more streamlined approach to managing the membership.

### Representing the membership at events

UKATA representatives are present at leading asbestos and industry related events throughout the business calendar. With the Safety & Health Expo based in London being at the top of the list, the association has gained many new members and developed professional relationships with likeminded individuals and associations due to its presence. UKATA staff use this opportunity to promote existing members and refer delegates to UKATA approved asbestos training providers.

### Corporate Social Responsibility

Being based at the Markham Vale Environment Centre provides the association with excellent networks and opportunities to support the local community. UKATA has been able to assist local junior football clubs with sponsorships and Markham Vale Land Services who offer work placement for local residents with special educational needs.



### CPD

UKATA became a member of the CPD Certification Service. CPD represents the commitment of professionals towards the development of their personal skills and proficiency throughout their careers. UKATA CPD Accredited training courses are now being delivered nationwide.

# UKATA Annual General Meeting

The UKATA Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been set for Friday 6th July 2018, 2pm – 4pm at the stunning Radisson Blu East Midlands Hotel in Derby. Members by now will have received information about the event and are encouraged to confirm their attendance as early as possible. The AGM is a great way to meet the UKATA Office Team and Directors, get up to date on the latest news from the association and hear from two key industry speakers.

## UKATA CELEBRATORY DINNER & DANCE plus EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2018

To celebrate their 10th Anniversary, UKATA will be hosting a celebratory evening to include Excellence Awards across 6 different categories.

Members should now have received information about the awards from the UKATA Head Office. Members are encouraged to submit their applications no later than 16th May 2018.

The event will be hosted by the Board of Directors and awards presented by Olympic Medal Winner Kriss Akabusi,

retired British sprint and hurdling track and field athlete who has won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals throughout his athletic stage.

The awards will be judged by an independent judging panel of industry experts.

The celebratory event will commence from 6:30pm until late and is £40.00 per head. Members are welcome to invite guests, colleagues, family and friends.

## UKATA Excellence Awards

### ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

This award recognises an organisation that has achieved outstanding results through marketing and advertising methods to promote a product, campaign or service relative to the asbestos industry within the last 12 months.

### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

This award recognises an organisation that has achieved outstanding results through key initiatives that demonstrate leadership and commitment to excellence in corporate social responsibility within the last 2 years.

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

This award is designed to reward exceptional standards of customer care within the last 12 months and to promote these success stories as examples to the industry.

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

This award will be given to the company that most effectively demonstrates excellence in its approach to workforce development.

### TRAINING INITIATIVE

This award will be presented to the company demonstrating excellence in training initiative. This category seeks to reward those who have over the past 3 years invested in a particularly innovative or successful approach to addressing the industry's skills needs within the asbestos or health & safety sector.

### INNOVATION

This award will be delivered to the company who can demonstrate innovations over the past 3 years in process, product, method or systems relative to the asbestos or health & safety industry.

### APPLICATION RULES

Applicant must be a UKATA Member at the time of entry and the awards evening.  
Applicant information will be treated as confidential and will not be used for any other purpose other than judging for the UKATA Excellence Awards.  
Applicants can enter a maximum of 3 Award categories.  
Entries will be judged by a panel of eminent and impartial adjudicators.  
Winners will be announced at the UKATA 10 Year Celebratory Dinner & Dance, held at the Radisson Blu East Midlands, 6th July 2018. We encourage all finalists to attend the evening with their team / colleagues to celebrate business success.  
The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.  
The winners will be the businesses that, in the opinion of the judges, demonstrate the greatest fulfilment of the award category criteria.  
Award Finalists & Winners may state in advertising/promotional activity and on their stationery that they are a winner/finalist but this must state the category and the year.  
All Finalists and Winners consent to take part in PR and publicity relating to the UKATA Excellence Awards;  
Any answers that exceed the word count will not be included as part of your entry. With the exception of the Business Overview (150 words), all other questions have a 250 word entry limit.

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# UKATA

Annual General Meeting

## UKATA 10th Anniversary AGM

Friday 6th July 2018

2pm – 4pm

Radisson Blu, East Midlands



### UKATA

CELEBRATORY DINNER & DANCE  
plus EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2018

Hosted by Olympic  
Medal Winner  
Kriss Akabusi



Friday 6th July 2018, 6:30pm – Midnight  
Radisson Blu, East Midlands

Drinks reception, followed by 3 course meal, silent auction,  
celebrity speaker, awards ceremony and music.

#### Award Categories:

Judged by an independent judging panel

- EXCELLENCE AWARD
- ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD
- CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY EXCELLENCE AWARD
- CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD
- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD
- TRAINING INITIATIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD • INNOVATION

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# 20 years since Asbestos Ban

Asbestos has been banned in the UK for almost 20 years. Large amounts of asbestos were used in new and refurbished buildings before 2000. Blue (crocidolite) and brown (amosite) asbestos were banned by law in 1985. Manufacture and supply of all asbestos was banned by the end of 1999 in the UK. But there are still countries who have not implemented these laws:

The UK Asbestos Training Association has developed relationships with leading global influencers within the asbestos industry over the last 10 years, as they have similar objectives in ensuring safe working practices with asbestos products.

Although asbestos was banned almost 20 years ago, the product is still present in residential and commercial properties built before this date. Asbestos can also be present in outbuildings, including allotments/ sheds and garages as asbestos corrugated sheeting was often used as roofing pre 2000.

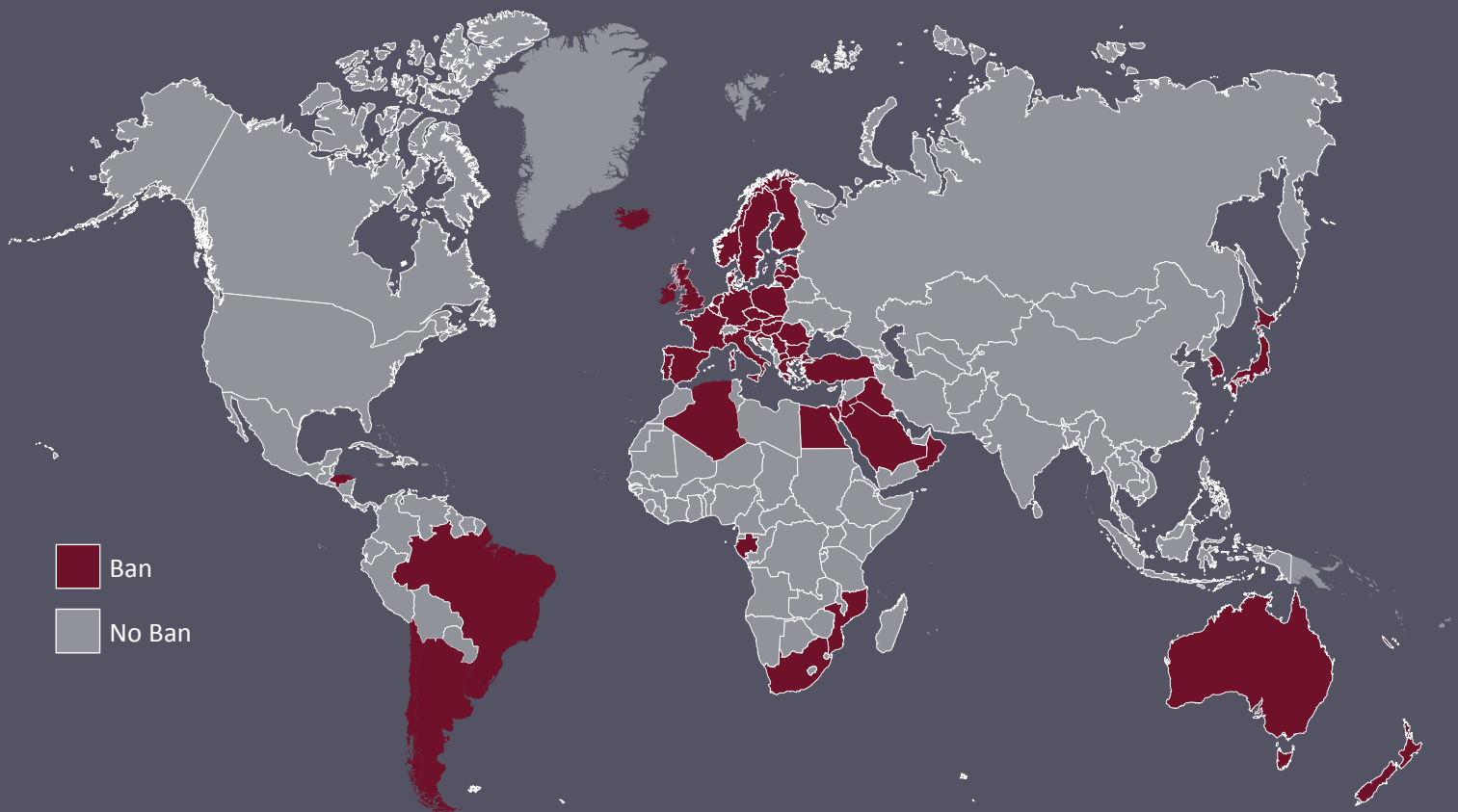
To reduce the number of unnecessary asbestos related deaths, the ideal scenario would be a worldwide ban. However not every country implements such laws,

therefore the death rates will continue and are expected to remain, where over 5,000 asbestos related deaths are reported each year in the UK alone for at least another decade.

Education is vital, and this is where UKATA excel in going beyond the basic requirements in all of their approved training courses.

Continuing to work with global contacts is something UKATA is passionate about and keeping up to date with the latest legislation across the world is very important.

The map below shows countries that currently impose an asbestos ban:



The above information is accurate as of 21.02.18 according to [http://ibasecretariat.org/chron\\_ban\\_list.php](http://ibasecretariat.org/chron_ban_list.php)



# Treatment for Mesothelioma



**Statistics from The Health & Safety Executive (HSE) show over 5,000 asbestos related deaths are still caused each year in the UK alone.**

2,542 mesothelioma deaths were reported by HSE in 2015 with similar figures projected for the rest of the decade.

Regular readers of UKATA Matters will have seen coverage of Mesothelioma survivor Mavis Nye's journey, and the story of UKATA Trainer Vernon Jenkins who sadly lost his battle to the deadly disease in 2015.

The best treatment for mesothelioma depends on several factors, including how far the cancer has spread and the general health of an individual.

As mesothelioma is often diagnosed at an advanced stage, treatment is usually focused on controlling the symptoms and prolonging life for as long as possible. This is known as palliative or supportive care.

#### **Possible treatments include:**

**Chemotherapy** - this is the main treatment for mesothelioma and involves using medicine to help shrink the cancer.

**Radiotherapy** - this involves using high-energy radiation to kill cancer cells and it may be used to slow the cancer down and keep it under control.

**Surgery** - an operation to remove the cancerous area can be done if mesothelioma is detected at a very early stage, although it's not clear whether surgery is helpful.

**Clinical Trials** - Cancer trials are carried out to try to find new and better treatments for cancer. Trials that are carried out on patients are known as clinical trials.

Many drugs and treatments that have been tested in clinical trials are now in common use and without ongoing clinical trials it would not be possible to add to the current knowledge about effective treatments.

The above treatment options have developed over the years, as mentioned earlier in this piece a prime example of positive outcome comes from Mavis Nye, for whom an immunotherapy clinical helped change her original prognosis of just 3 months into a complete response, which doesn't necessarily mean cured, but it is the best result that can be reported!

#### **Further reading:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mesothelioma/#treatments-for-mesothelioma>

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/overall/hssh1617.pdf>





# The Safety & Health Excellence Awards

## UK Asbestos Training Association Shortlisted for Campaign of The Year Award

THE SAFETY & HEALTH EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2018 revealed the UK Asbestos Training Association is shortlisted for Campaign of The Year Award to recognise their efforts during the Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe free asbestos awareness training campaign.

Winners will be announced 11th April at VOX, Resorts World Birmingham by host Rory Bremner.

UKATA Members pledged in excess of 3,500 hours of free asbestos awareness training in support of the campaign. The training was offered nationwide to small businesses, sole traders, DIY enthusiasts and those who were unaware such training was available.

The award nomination is another mark of success for UKATA who this year celebrate 10 years of dedication to asbestos training.

NEBOSH Chief Executive – Teresa Budworth from the judging panel said “I think we spend a lot of time in health and safety focussing on what went wrong, so I think it is really good that we are celebrating success”

The Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign was created by the UK Asbestos Training Association, to keep small businesses and sole traders safe from the UK’s biggest workplace killer – asbestos, which still sees over 5,000 in the UK die each year, due to asbestos related disease, including asbestos related cancer - mesothelioma.

“Being shortlisted for the Campaign of The Year Award means so much to the team, who put a great deal of time and effort into ensuring the campaign was a huge success. It is also a significant recognition of our members commitment to raising awareness of the risks associated to working with asbestos.” said Victoria Castelluccio – Events & Marketing Officer.

UKATA work closely with Mesothelioma charities nationwide to raise asbestos awareness, including Mesothelioma UK and The Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team, who supported the campaign by sharing details with their service users.

# UKATA

Shortlisted nominees for

Campaign of the Year Award



**The Safety & Health Excellence Awards 2018**

11 April 2018 • The VOX, Birmingham





# Looking forward to the next Decade



**Now 10 years old, UKATA has gained respect and recognition within the health and safety industry. The Senior Management Team predict a positive future ahead.**

## **Investment in staff**

The future of the association will not be possible without a hardworking and well-trained workforce. Staff development is vital to continue the professional level of service currently offered to members. With the apprentice team eager to learn and develop, the senior members of staff can focus on new ideas and initiatives to further progress the association.

## **Legislation**

UKATA will continue to represent training providers on the HSE ALG (Asbestos Leadership Group), the HSE TWG (Technical Working Group) and at other industry related meetings and events. UKATA will continue to play an active role in future consultations with HSE and other key industry stakeholders. With asbestos regulations and accompanying codes of practice currently under review, UKATA strives to keep members up to date with the latest news and updates within the sector.

## **Membership**

The core membership of UKATA has been steadily increasing over the last several years, however, the past 6 months in particular has seen a huge upsurge in new membership applications. With the current portfolio of additional course syllabi developed by UKATA over the past 12 months, it is understandable to see such an increased interest in UKATA membership.

UKATA will continue to develop new course syllabi for the benefit of the membership and industry, working closely with members and consulting on training standards.

UKATA is also committed to improving the membership benefits on offer and look forward to working closely with members on a range of membership benefits and initiatives.

## **Corporate/ Industry Associate Status**

Senior Management are meeting with potential associates on an almost weekly basis, with so many organisations approaching UKATA with a desire to become an industry associate and share their services with members.

## **Industry Developments**

UKATA plan to work in harmonisation with key stakeholders and likeminded associations for the interests of the asbestos and wider industry. Working to improve standards and work methods to ensure workers are competent.

## **It's good to talk...**

As you will see from reading the events section of this edition you will know UKATA has several speaking opportunities in 2018. This is something that is becoming more demanding for the UKATA Directors and a matter of interest to the Board. The Director of Brand, Development and Marketing plans to refocus the current strategy and review future events and conferences. "As we grow, and the name UKATA is more widely recognised the opportunities to address conferences is on the increase. One of the objectives of the association is to raise asbestos awareness. Providing expert speakers is a perfect way to deliver the objective and raise the profile of UKATA" says Director Jacqui Royall.

## **Charity work & support**

UKATA has raised in excess of £3,000 for charity partner of the year Mesothelioma UK. More fundraising ideas are planned to assist with research and development of the organisation. UKATA is also committed to promoting the asbestos support groups nationwide. Working closely with Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team in the first instance due to the location being close to head office, the support has expanded through the power of social media and the reach available from UKATA networking channels such as Twitter/ LinkedIn and Facebook. A dedicated website page will soon be allocated for the support groups once the new site goes live in Spring.

## **Brand Protection**

An issue the staff team and Board of Directors can't emphasise enough – Brand Protection! The team work tirelessly to protect the brand of UKATA for the benefit of members. This also expands into ensuring delegates receive approved UKATA training, as there are some fraudsters delivering courses which are not approved. Committed to pushing this forward, Brand Development Officer Jackie Peat is fully equipped with the support of her colleagues to tackle these issues.





Craig Evans receives his award for Business Person of the Year from Stuart Cutworth at the Derbyshire Times Business Awards 2016. Picture: Andrew Roe





# Technical and Training



Graham O'Mahony - Chair

It has been another busy few months at UKATA, and we are moving ahead with the development of additional courses. As I am sure readers will understand there is a lot of planning, organising and discussion in the development of new training courses so it can sometimes appear to be a slow development, but things are on-going and do take a little time.

## Surveying and Sampling Course

You may remember that in the last issue we mentioned that to compliment our asbestos management courses, there is an opportunity to add to this with the Surveying and Sampling course. So where are we at with this? We consulted members on the development of this course and there was a positive vibe from members that liked the idea of this course. After the initial consultation, we have prepared a draft syllabus which will be broken down into two specific courses, one will be the main Surveying and Sampling course and the other will be a one day sampling course, much aligned with the non-licensed training. We have only prepared a draft to date and will be discussing this further with industry stakeholders to gain approval for the course. Hopefully in the next edition I will be able to update you further.

## Asbestos Awareness – Civic Amenity Sites

A new course addendum has been created for waste management sites recycling waste from the public at local recycling centres. It was identified that these types of sites required a specific type of training course, with differing arrangements for identification and emergency procedures. This course, much like previous addendum courses, will be available to all members with no additional fee or audit required. The subject is broken down in two addendums one for Awareness and one for Non-Licensable. These will be released shortly, and all members will have the option to generate this specific certificate.

## Vocational Qualifications (VQ)

Most of the Licensable members will be aware of the demand upon the Licensable industry to achieve a VQ to obtain their CSCS card. UKATA have been in discussion with ACAD who have been selected by CITB to ensure high quality VQ assessment throughout the entire sector.

The involvement of UKATA opens the door for all of our members to expand their commercial offer and deliver VQ to their clients.

UKATA is committed to working collaboratively with industry to raise training standards and awareness throughout the sector. We are pleased to be working alongside ACAD to support the standards for VQ delivery whilst allowing UKATA members to further support licence holders. UKATA have a meeting in March with Graham Warren from ACAD to discuss this going forward.

Graham Warren ACAD Manager commented

"ACAD has a long history of successfully delivering VQ so it seems an obvious choice that CITB, the Standard Setting Body for the Asbestos sector, has selected ACAD to ensure high quality VQ assessment throughout the entire sector. It's particularly pleasing that the two organisations who have worked to raise standards of commercial training providers, IATP and UKATA, will also be heavily involved. The involvement of IATP and UKATA opens the door for all of their members to expand their commercial offer and deliver VQ to their clients. The sector faces a challenge in moving to a qualified workforce and it is clear to me organisations need to work together for the betterment of the sector as a whole. ACAD will therefore be looking to continue to expand our umbrella of quality VQ delivery to support other organisations right across the sector".



Graham Warren ACAD Manager

**TIME FOR  
SOMETHING  
NEW!**

# Brand, Development & Marketing

**As the Director with the Brand, Marketing and Development portfolio it is my responsibility, along with my head office team to ensure that our brand continues to be the number one association for Training Providers and protect and grow our brand. I am delighted to report that we are making great strides both in promoting and protecting UKATA for our members. We only need read Peter Robinson's comments to see just how far we have come from those humble beginnings in 2008 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone both past and present for their valuable contributions as we all celebrate our tenth Anniversary this year.**

Once again we have an action packed marketing and development agenda with UKATA's presence at the two most prestigious industry events, the Safety and Health Expo in June and the Contamination Expo in September-and these events are now firmly in our annual events planner. The brand exposure from these events is exceptional and has definitely helped to develop the brand thus far. We have also seen a dramatic rise in speaking opportunities coming into the UKATA head office and the directors and the team will be ensuring that these opportunities are used to maximise UKATA's exposure over the coming year. In particular we have been asked to speak again at the Contamination Expo series and anyone who attended last year will recall that it was the UKATA theatre that was over subscribed every time!

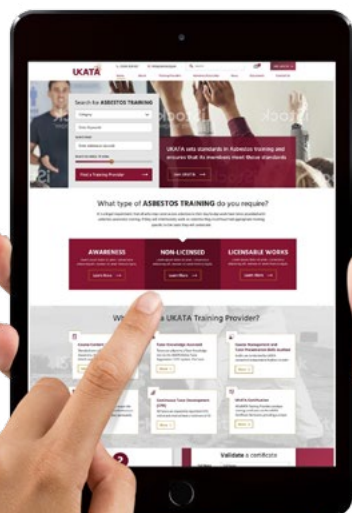
Behind the scenes we have been working very hard to develop the associations new website and certificate generator to ensure that these are robust for the coming years ahead and we anticipate that the launch will be later this spring. This new website will be much faster and more interactive, bringing better search facilities and a new members hub as well as other facilities such as brand protection reporting online. Once completed most if not all membership administration will be done through the site and the certificate generator update will mean that it will be future proof for the association for years to come and will be easier and much more cost efficient to maintain.

Something that has, for a long time, been a cause for concern was the unauthorised use of our brand and logo, with the appointment of Brand Development Officer, Jackie Peat, I am delighted to say that this is now something that we have addressed with many of those non-members, preventing them from using it to advertise. Indeed Jackie has made such a great start to this role and is now turning her attentions to growing our Corporate and Industry Associates. However, we cannot rest on our laurels and if any member has information regarding the mis-use of UKATA wording or logos please let Jackie know as soon as possible. Some readers may already be aware that we have for some time now been looking for a way to expand the brand outside of the UK and we have now settled on Global Associate, this will be the platform that we use to launch this and we will be bringing you more exciting news on this over the coming months.

UKATA already enjoys the status as the leading Asbestos Training Association and this is reflected by the growing number of industry stakeholder and partners that want to work with us to continue to raising standards and awareness. We will be meeting with a number of stakeholders in the next few months, ensuring that UKATA gain further industry recognition and I hope to bring you more important developments in our next edition of the magazine and at the Regional Meetings taking place in April this year. We will be holding four events around the country, where you will be able to meet and discuss business and industry topics with Craig Evans General Manager, Gill Lewis our Company Secretary, Debbie Nixon Operations Manager and Graham O'Mahony our current Chairman in a relaxed and more informal setting, dates are below.

## REGIONAL MEETINGS

11th April .....	Chesterfield
12th April .....	Glasgow
23rd April .....	Leighton Buzzard
24th April .....	Caerphilly





# Peritoneal Mesothelioma



**Mesothelioma is a cancer that arises from mesothelial cells that are found in covering and lining tissues in the chest and abdomen. With 2,700 cases per year the UK has the highest incidence of mesothelioma in the world. Most of those diagnosed 90-95% have mesothelioma in the lining of the chest cavity which is known as the pleura. The remaining minority have Peritoneal mesothelioma which is the type which affects the lining of the abdomen.**

Peritoneal Mesothelioma is very rare, with only about 250 cases a year in the UK. Sadly, like the more common form which affects the lining of the lungs (pleural mesothelioma), peritoneal mesothelioma cannot be cured although there are a range of treatments available to help control the disease.

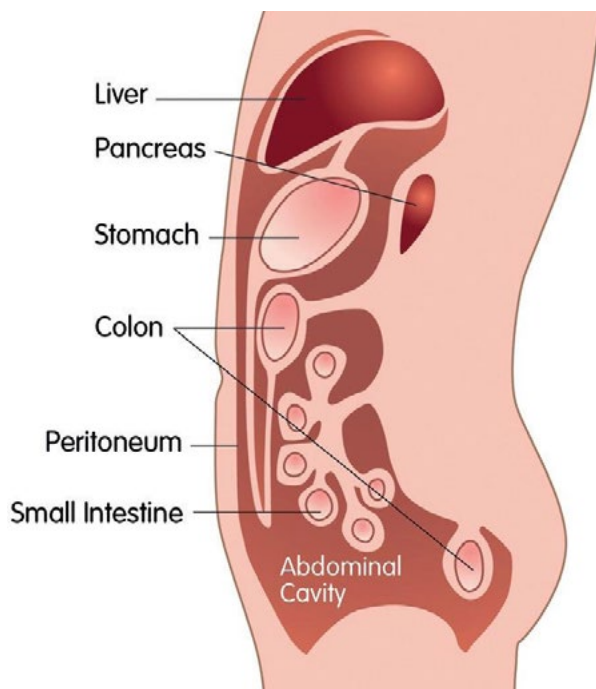
## Causes

Asbestos fibres are ingested and become lodged into the lining of the abdomen (peritoneum) where they cause genetic damage to cells which leads to the formation of tumours. This can take between 20 to 50 years to happen.

Asbestos exposure is usually seen in people who have worked in the building industries, shipyards, heating maintenance engineers, railways, power stations, the armed forces, mechanics, and those who have worked in public buildings such as schools and hospitals. The risk of exposure is increased where asbestos is damaged or disturbed, or where it was used without protection.

## Symptoms

The most common symptoms are pain, abdominal swelling, nausea and indigestion, constipation, diarrhoea, weight loss, poor appetite, low mood, fatigue and sweats.



## Diagnosis

Diagnosis of peritoneal mesothelioma can be extremely difficult due to the non-specific nature of the symptoms. Many of the symptoms can be associated with other medical conditions. X-rays and CT scans can show masses in the abdomen but a procedure called a peritoneoscopy (where tumour tissue is extracted and tested) is used to confirm the disease.

## Treatment

Treatment options are limited, but one of them is cytoreductive surgery +HIPEC. This involves surgery to remove as much of the peritoneal lining as possible, then HIPEC which is a heated chemotherapy 'wash' that is used to rinse out the abdominal cavity after the surgery to hopefully kill any cancer cells left behind. This option is only suitable for a small number of people and can only be given in specialist centres. Survival rate following this procedure is significantly better than the standard rate of survival. Further information on how people can be referred for assessment for this procedure can be found via Mesothelioma UK.

Other options include intravenous chemotherapy and supportive therapies, such as draining abdominal fluid (ascites), pain killers and complementary therapies. Increasingly there are also trial options including some of the newer drugs.

## Mesothelioma UK

The national charity provides a team of 19 Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS), based in NHS hospitals around the country including one to be appointed soon who will specialise in peritoneal mesothelioma. The nurses offer clinical care, support and advice, and also run local support groups. The charity also has a Benefits Advisor who can help patients with benefit and compensation claims.

There is a dedicated Mesothelioma UK Facebook page for peritoneal mesothelioma which includes a closed chat group for patients of this particular type of mesothelioma to talk to one another and share advice and experiences. Search Facebook for 'Mesothelioma Peritoneal Group' and request to become a member if you are affected by the disease.

**If anyone would like more information about mesothelioma or the work of Mesothelioma UK, they should call 0800 169 2409 or visit [www.mesothelioma.uk.com](http://www.mesothelioma.uk.com)**

# Living with Mesothelioma



**UKATA signed up as a corporate donor for Mesothelioma UK in 2017, a charity dedicated to supporting people with asbestos-related cancer.**

The Meso UK Open Day in December, they met with Linda Lakin who was diagnosed with Mesothelioma in 2014.

Linda shares her story of “Living with Mesothelioma”

February 12th 2014 was the day my life changed. I was 61 and easing myself into retirement by working part-time for what should have been 3 or 4 years. I had no reason to believe that I had cancer of any type but that afternoon I was hit with the news that I had one of the worst. Mesothelioma. Invariably terminal with average life expectancy 6 – 12 months and only 5% of people living more than 3 years. Immediately I put myself in that 5%. I was relatively young and it had been identified early. There was no way I was going to die yet!

We will never know for sure where my exposure to asbestos was, although it is likely to have been when I worked in a dry cleaning shop in the early 1970's. Everything was lagged with asbestos back then. But it doesn't matter really where I got it from, I had got it anyway.

My knee jerk reaction at the time of diagnosis was to have surgery to remove the pleura – the lining of the lung – and with it the cancer. This was a major operation carried out only three weeks later. I was lucky in that my surgeon was able to remove all of the cancer he could see. He couldn't remove what he couldn't see and he guaranteed that it would come back, he just couldn't say when.

After eight days in hospital I came home to complete my recovery, within a couple of months I was able to do most of the things that I had done before. I chose not to go back to work. I planned to make the most of whatever time I had. My good health continued for over 18 months during which time my only problem was nerve pain resulting from the operation. However, a routine CT scan showed that the cancer had come back, it was time for the next stage in my treatment. I put off the chemotherapy for 3 months while I made a trip to Disneyland Florida with my daughter and her family. I wanted to see my grandsons enjoy the experience, I wasn't going to miss it for chemo! I also took a short cruise to Iceland with my husband where we saw the Northern Lights – a long held ambition.

I started chemo as part of a trial in March 2016. The trial had a placebo arm but I wasn't bothered at this stage as without the trial I would only get the same chemo anyway. I was very fortunate that I didn't suffer too much through the chemo and after four cycles my cancer had shrunk. I always felt I had the placebo and eventually this proved to be the case. I tied myself to weekly treatments and severely limited my life for no further gain. That it the way of trials though.

All was well for another few months but then the cancer started growing again so it was time for another treatment. This time it was another trial drug on its own. There is only one chemo option for mesothelioma so without the trials options are very limited. I started this trial in January 2017 and lasted 12 weeks on it before I was told that the cancer was growing and so I was off the trial again. This particular drug had not suited me well and I gradually deteriorated so that I was unable to lead a normal life and even had to give up driving for a while. At this time I thought that this was where it would end for me.

However, once out of the trial I took a break of about eight weeks during which things were just monitored and, of course, the cancer was growing all the time. I was in severe pain, had tried a couple of morphine drugs before eventually settling on methadone. This seemed to deal with the pain for me, with less side effects. During this time my red blood cell count was falling. I had two blood transfusions to try to rectify it. I was also losing weight due to lack of appetite. In the end during 2017 I lost 2 stones in weight. This was turning out to be a very bad year!

August 2017 I enrolled on another trial, this time an immunotherapy drug. Immunotherapy is giving some excellent results; I was optimistic that this would be the same for me. Unfortunately, I proved to be allergic to something in the drug infusion they were giving, so on the third infusion I had to stop and was again taken off the trial. I was very disappointed but if it had to be then I wanted to go back to chemo to try to reduce the tumour. This proved not to be necessary. The CT scan taken immediately after the last treatment showed the cancer had stopped growing then six weeks later that it had shrunk by about 30%. A totally unexpected result as by then it was several months since I had received any treatment, and then only three doses.

My health improved throughout this time and the pain reduced so that I was able to forgo the methadone at the start of 2018. I am now healthier than I have been in the last two years, although I don't have the stamina that I had. My last scan at the end of 2017 showed that the cancer hadn't changed so I now have another 3 months of freedom before I get another scan to see how it is going.

I find it hard to believe that something that I haven't had for five months can still be working, but the evidence shows that it is and I am eternally grateful. I have broken the three year target and feel that I have a few more years left in me yet. This is a pleasure not given to all mesothelioma patients and in this time I have lost several friends to it. I am not cured but at the moment the cancer is held at bay and I can live my life instead of waiting to die.



# Member News

## C&C Training raise £522 for charity!

Staff from C&C Training Ltd have been raising money for charity. Originally with a target of £400 for the month of December, they managed to smash their target and achieve £522. They were thrilled to donate their total to Leighton Buzzard's Hospice at Home Volunteers and Bury St Edmunds, Over the Rainbow Children's charity.

The fundraising took place throughout the month of December with the two directors Charlie Cadman and Ruth Crothers kindly donating 2 luxury Christmas hampers as prizes for delegates, staff and clients from the two C&C Training centres.

Ruth Crothers, finance and operations director, said: "I'm delighted C&C is supporting these two great charities. Life can be hard work without the added complication of being ill; if the money we have raised goes towards helping others through difficult times, it is worth every penny."



## CN Specialists Finalists

With the CN Specialist Awards being hosted in London next month, UKATA Member Dodd Group, is looking forward to attending as it has been shortlisted for the MEP Specialist of the Year Category and one of its apprentices has made the final cut for the Apprentice category.

Dodd Group, a privately owned family business from Shropshire has experienced a great year with it's highest ever turnover and securing it's biggest ever projects and what is more last year marked Dodd Group's 70th year of trading.

Dodd Group's Marketing Director Nick Jones commented:

"We are thrilled that we have the chance to showcase our business and to highlight the great sector in which we work. The construction industry in general needs to encourage more women join it and so we hope that Corey's success in reaching the finals of the CN Specialist Awards will also help to inspire more women to consider our sector for their careers."

Construction News editor Tom Fitzpatrick said:

"Specialists are continuing to up their game in difficult economic circumstances. Our expert judges have now shortlisted the companies who represent the best of the people, initiatives and projects in the construction industry supply chain."

CN will be publishing features on each of the shortlisted entrants in the coming weeks and best of luck to all involved as they now go to the second stage of presenting their work face-to-face with our judges."

The winners will be announced on 8 March 2018 at a glamorous ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London where over 1,000 of the industry elite will join together for a night of entertainment, celebration and networking.



# Member News

## Chesterfield College is first to adopt new concept in asbestos safety labelling

A leading further education college has become the first in the country to utilise a specialist new labelling system for the fast and convenient identification of asbestos containing materials (ACMs) in its buildings.

Chesterfield College has adopted UKATA Member, Lucion Environmental's new quick response (QR) code-based system to ensure that full details of the presence of any asbestos in a particular location is made immediately available to whoever may need it.

The college supports the learning needs of over 10,000 students and apprentices, with both classroom and work-based training provided from a range of buildings and premises located across Chesterfield and further afield.

Lucion is the college's established provider of specialist asbestos consultancy and support services, helping the internal health and safety team comply with its asbestos management responsibilities.

As part of this role, Lucion recently completed a first phase survey for parts of the organisation's property portfolio, utilising the special QR code labels in those situations where ACMS are present.

When scanned into a mobile phone, the QR code provides direct on-site access to the building's 'Nexgen' digital site survey records.

This online system provides full details of the condition of any ACMs present, as well as any access restrictions and other safeguards required by anyone who may need to carry out work in the vicinity.

Daniel Wainwright, Health and Safety Officer of Chesterfield College said:

"We take our health and safety responsibilities very seriously and regard the use of QR codes in this way as a highly innovative and effective means of helping to ensure the safety of our staff, students and anyone working in our premises.

"We have established a very thorough working relationship with Lucion. With their input our asbestos management practices have improved significantly so that the risks to any sub-contractors working on our site are now at an all-time low.

"In introducing the college to this new system, the professionalism and levels of support shown by the Lucion staff in Sheffield has been outstanding."

As part of the surveying work carried out at the college, Lucion created bespoke and hardwearing A5 QR code

stickers incorporating the appropriate building and location names.

Connection to the Nexgen asbestos information portal via the QR label is password protected enabling access to the secure information to be fully controlled and restricted to authorised personnel only. The digital system also enables any subsequent updates from re-inspections or pre-refurbishment surveys to be easily added so that the building records are always up to date.



Patrick Morton, CEO of Lucion, explains:

"Because the labels are applied as surveys are undertaken, there are significant time and cost savings associated with their use. There is no need to make repeat visits to sites to re-apply labels or information notices and their hard-wearing versatility also means they can also be applied on outdoor structures.

"Making this information directly accessible to contractors, tradesmen and buildings maintenance personnel at the critical control point where building works are intended will significantly reduce the risk of any damage or disturbance at those areas."

The use of Lucion QR code to link to an online database is designed as a modern, fast and effective solution to ensure that asbestos registers are made available in premises at all times, overcoming the limitations associated with the traditional use of paper-based systems.



## Collaboration highlights workplace safety

MCP Environmental are collaborating with local health and safety consultancies to provide free taster asbestos awareness training sessions, by qualified UKATA trainers, to highlight the risk of asbestos in the workplace.

MCP, working with strategic partners: Sharp Safety Solutions, GEM Compliance Training and Aquatrust Water & Ventilation will join forces to make the workplace safer, delivering taster sessions on subjects including asbestos awareness, first aid at work and legionella.

The event brings together employers and employees to inform and educate managers and staff on responsibilities and legislation delivered in bite size sessions with Q&A and networking opportunities.

The event commences on Tuesday 1st May at City Training Services, in Bradford city centre and is free to attend. To find out more and register your place please visit. [www.mcp-environmental.co.uk](http://www.mcp-environmental.co.uk)



L-R: MCP - Surveying Projects Manager, Damian Godward; GEM Compliance Training Managing Director, Gavin Milligan; Sharp Safety Solutions Managing Director, Katherine Tordoff; and Aquatrust Water & Ventilation Ltd – Sales Consultant, John Asquith

## Fife Council

With a fit for purpose Business Centre with lecture rooms and a practical work area this enables Fife Council to deliver relevant training courses including UKATA asbestos awareness training, manual handling, Working at Heights etc.



Ryan Fair is a 3rd Year Plumber with Fife Council and currently a finalist for this year's Construction News Specialists Awards 2018.

Ryan has demonstrated exceptional ability, dedication and dependability and has shown great aptitude for both the practical skills and theoretical knowledge of his chosen trade. Work experience includes: Housing maintenance, bathroom and Kitchen replacements, daytime emergency work, replacing central heating systems, servicing and repairing of domestic gas appliances. His maturity has shown that he has an analytical mind, his aptitude to troubleshooting enables him to understand repair requirements and system faults. His colleagues have remarked that his positive "can do"

attitude is refreshing. Ryan's strengths is his good verbal and written communication skills.

Ryan has produced an excellent portfolio of work an essential requirement of our scheme.

Ryan's final short-listing and winners list is impressive:

- Building Services Apprentice of the Year Sept 2015 – 1st Year Winner
- APSE Scottish Housing and Building Awards Feb 2016 - 1st year Winner
- Building Services Apprentice of the Year Sept 2016 – 2nd Year Winner
- APSE National UK Awards, Leeds, Oct 2016 - Finalist.
- APSE Scottish Housing and Building Awards Feb 2017- Finalist
- Screwfix UK Trade Apprentice 2017, Google Headquarters, April 2017 Finalist
- Building Services Apprentice of the Year Sept 2016 – 3rd Year Winner
- APSE Scottish Housing and Building Awards Feb 2018 - Finalist
- Construction News Apprentice of the Year 2018, London, March 2018 - Finalist

Ryan has achieved 100% attendance at work and has had another excellent final year at college passing all of his modules with ease.

When asked what his ambition was he said "to be the best I can be" and should he succeed in this ambition Ryan will not only continue to be an excellent ambassador for Fife Council but also for Construction News.

# Competition

In the last edition of UKATA Matters (in partnership with the Spill Training Academy) UKATA offered the opportunity for members to win a John Lewis Hamper.



We are delighted to announce that Deborah Boyle of Barry Training Services was the lucky winner!



With the UKATA AGM & Awards Ceremony drawing closer, we are offering the opportunity for members to win 2 x complimentary tickets to the Dinner, Dance and Awards Evening.

All you need to do, to be in with a chance is answer the following question:

**Where will the UKATA Awards Ceremony take place?**

- 1) Radisson Blu East Midlands Airport
- 2) ExCeL London
- 3) NEC Birmingham

Please email your answer to [info@ukata.org.uk](mailto:info@ukata.org.uk) by 30th April 2018 and mark your email UKATA Matters Competition Edition 13

*Good Luck!*



Usual UKATA Terms and Conditions apply. Member companies only. No limit to the number of Directors and employees that can enter from a Member company, but only one entry per individual. No cash alternative prize. Judges decision final. The winner agrees to publicity in the next edition of UKATA Matters, UKATA website and social media streams etc.





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