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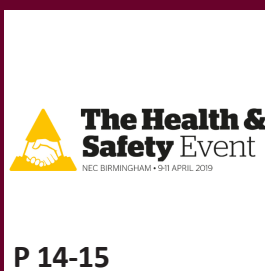
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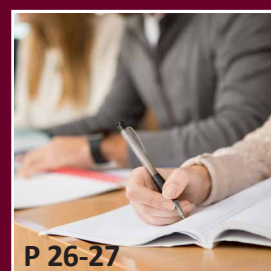
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Welcome

A very warm welcome to your Spring edition of UKATA Matters

Editor in Chief : Jacqui Royall



Welcome to the Spring edition of UKATA Matters; as the weather hopefully warms up so does the UKATA diary! The head office team will be attending more events than ever to promote our Members and the UKATA brand this year. Exposure at these events is key to the growth and recognition of the Association, keeping UKATA at the forefront of our industry.

I am delighted to share with you the fantastic news that once again UKATA has been nominated for two awards at the Health & Safety Excellence Awards, to be held at the Vox Centre in Birmingham. Chief Operating Officer, Craig Evans has been nominated for this year's 'Rising Star' award alongside 'Campaign of the Year' for our Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe campaign in partnership with the Department for Work & Pensions, helping get people back into the world of work. This is a resounding confirmation of our standing within our industry, the wider workplace and beyond. Full details are on page 9.

UKATA is also pleased to announce the introduction of several new courses recently added to the ever-increasing portfolio on offer; two training courses for Waste Management and Civic Amenity Site Operatives and Managers Course, one at an asbestos awareness level and the other at non-licensed level, and a new training course for Asbestos Project Managers. These

new additions to the portfolio are available to apply for now and more details can be found on page 26. Further courses are in the pipeline with the development team and I currently working behind the scenes with industry bodies. Discussions are at an early stage and I hope to be able to update you in the next edition of UKATA Matters.

Finally, but by no means least I would just like to take this opportunity personally to say a very fond farewell to Gill Lewis our outgoing Company Secretary. Gill has decided that the time is right to retire and enjoy life with her friends and family, which the Directors and team fully respect and wish her much happiness for the future. Gill has been a great support to both myself and my fellow Directors over the past 10 years and leaves the Association in an excellent position. I would also like to welcome Laura Evans, who already works as the Financial Officer at UKATA into the role of Company Secretary where I know she will flourish.

I trust that all our Members will have a very productive Spring trading period and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM & Asbestos Conference in July.

If you would like to book your attendance at the AGM, please visit
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Welcome

from the Chief Operating Officer



Craig Evans -
The Chief Operating Officer

2019 is the year of collaboration....

2019 has already been a great start for collaborative working. The Board of Directors and I have been working closely with fellow industry trade associations to further improve training standards throughout the industry, working particularly closely with CITB.

Many of our Members may not be aware, but UKATA now have representation on the majority of asbestos industry groups, including the HSE Asbestos Leadership Council (ALC), HSE Asbestos Technical Working Group (TWG), HSE Comms Working Group, NVQ Standardisation and the CITB Asbestos Removal Group.

The most recent CITB Asbestos Removal Group meeting was held at the CITB head office in London on Monday 18th March. I attended this meeting on behalf of UKATA and I am very pleased to report that the asbestos standards are now fast progressing, with 7 more asbestos standards due to be released over the coming weeks, which subsequently means more UKATA training courses will be eligible for grant claim by clients/customers, subject to meeting the CITB criteria. The UKATA syllabi are currently being mapped against the CITB standard and I will of course keep Members informed of any further developments as they happen. I have also secured a single point of contact for Members progressing through the ATO registration procedure and I will share these details with Members shortly.

Working Groups	UKATA Representative
Asbestos Leadership Council (ALC)	Director, Chris Bishop
Technical Working Group (TWG)	Director, Gareth Jones
HSE Comms Working Group	COO, Craig Evans
NVQ Standardisation	Director, Chris Bishop & COO, Craig Evans
CITB Asbestos Removal Group	COO, Craig Evans

If you have any issues to raise at any of the above meetings, please send these to me for consideration using the usual contact details.

We are also continuing our joint work with IOSH, delivering a third webinar titled "Asbestos – ask the expert" on 17th May 2019 at 11:00am. The webinar will be promoted on the IOSH and UKATA website and is free to join. The two previous webinars which were delivered in August 2018 (Asbestos management in buildings) and November 2018 (Asbestos management on site) are available to watch on the UKATA website: www.ukata.org.uk/library/webinars/.

I hope to build on these working relationships over the coming months and years, benefitting the UKATA membership and the wider industry alike.

Throughout the magazine you will see several new courses which have recently been released to the membership, further expanding the UKATA portfolio of courses available for Members to deliver. In addition to these new courses, we have been working on a new addendum to the UKATA Duty to Manage. Local authorities and social housing have been at the centre of recent asbestos news, and this new development is specifically targeted towards the housing sector. The course is set to be launched soon and again Members will be informed of the ongoing developments. An interesting article on the Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 can be found on page 21.

On a personal note, I am very honoured to have been nominated for the 'Rising Star' award at the Safety & Health Awards 2019. The awards ceremony is set to take place on the evening of 10th April 2019 at VOX Conference Centre in Birmingham. It is a great achievement just to be nominated alongside some exceptional talent within the health & safety sector. The Train Safe Campaign is also nominated for Campaign of the Year.... wish us luck!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Health & Safety Event	9th - 11th April, NEC Birmingham
IOSH Webinar - Ask the Expert	17th May
Annual General Meeting & UKATA Asbestos Conference	4th July, Jury's Inn East Midlands
Contamination Expo	11th - 12th September, NEC Birmingham

Global Asbestos Awareness Week

Global Asbestos Awareness Week took place 1 – 7 April 2019 and saw an increase of activities to raise awareness of asbestos and preventing exposure by bringing together experts and victims from around the world to share, learn, and take action.

Global Asbestos Awareness Week (GAAW) is dedicated to educating people about both the risk of asbestos and how to manage it in order to prevent asbestos related diseases. Whilst promising research continues, prevention remains the only cure.

When it comes to asbestos and Mesothelioma, knowledge truly is power. GAAW week is about delivering that power, seeking to equip people with the tools they need to protect themselves while work continues for preventative legislation and a cure.

“We still have a long way to go to tackle the global issue” said UKATA Chief Operating Officer, Craig Evans. “The World Health Organisation estimates that currently around 125 million people in the world are exposed to asbestos within the workplace. Exposure to asbestos is responsible for thousands of deaths every year and the GAAW week is a great platform to share knowledge and ultimately raise awareness on a global scale”.

Despite the UK ban, asbestos is still legal in many countries, regardless of the health risks of asbestos related illnesses such as Mesothelioma (Mesothelioma is a type of cancer that develops in the lining that covers the outer surface of some of the body’s organs. It’s usually linked to asbestos exposure). Unfortunately, it’s rarely possible to cure Mesothelioma, although treatment can help control the symptoms.

Linda Reinstein of The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) says **“It is exciting to see the global community unite and collaborate for Global Asbestos Awareness Week. Thank you for joining us during the GAAW week of learning and community”!**



Asbestos in the News



Unlicensed contractor fined for exposing workers to asbestos

10th October 2018

A construction company has been sentenced today for carrying out unlicensed asbestos cleaning work.

The Magistrates' Court heard how the company began a project to refurbish parts of a Business Centre, including former kitchen and canteen. Work started on the east side of the ground level in April 2015 and various phases continued into November 2015. It was during the later phase when significant exposure to asbestos materials occurred.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found the workers had little awareness of asbestos on site and no prior Asbestos Awareness training.

The investigation revealed that no Demolition and Refurbishment Asbestos Survey had been in place before the project started. However, when one was carried out

following HSE intervention, it discovered licensed asbestos debris on the ground level within the area the size of a football pitch. Despite these findings and surveyor's recommendations, the unlicensed contractor proceeded to clean the debris between 1 October and 6 October 2015, dry sweeping and vacuuming the area.

The construction company was found guilty of breaching Regulations 8(1), 10(1) and 11(1) of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and was fined £250,000 with costs of £6,512.88.

Speaking after the hearing, the HSE inspector said: "The dangers associated with asbestos, including licensed asbestos are well known and a wealth of advice and guidance is freely available from the HSE website."

Company fined after asbestos containing materials were released

21st December 2018

A building contractor has been fined after an employee used a powered saw to cut through a kitchen cupboard door, accidentally releasing asbestos containing materials.

A court heard that between 8 November 2015 and 11 December 2015, a building contractor was carrying out refurbishment work at a flat. An employee who was unaware of the presence of asbestos fibres within a kitchen cupboard door cut through the door and disturbed the asbestos fibres.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that following receipt of an Asbestos Refurbishment Survey pertaining to the kitchen, the building contractor

failed to realise that the door had not been surveyed.

The contractor has pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and has been fined £4000.

Speaking after the hearing the HSE principal inspector said "This incident could so easily have been avoided by simply carrying out correct control measures and safe working practices. When getting an asbestos survey carried out it is important to ensure that all of the planned work areas have been surveyed."

Company fined for failing to undertake asbestos assessment

21st November 2018

A residential property development company has today been sentenced after failing to carry out an asbestos survey prior to undertaking extensive refurbishment works.

The Magistrates' Court heard how, on and before 6th December 2017, a property development company undertook construction work at a property. The company failed to carry out an asbestos survey for the property which was uncovered during a routine Health and Safety Executive (HSE) inspection.

The subsequent HSE investigation found the company removed a boarded asbestos ceiling without taking any precautions to prevent workers being exposed to the health

risk. This happened because the company failed in its duty to carry out an asbestos survey for the property.

The property development company pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 5 of Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and has been fined £16,000 and ordered to pay costs of £4940.40.

Speaking after the hearing, the HSE inspector said: "The risk of exposure to asbestos could so easily have been avoided if the company had carried out a suitable and sufficient asbestos assessment to identify the presence of asbestos within the property prior to commencing refurbishment work".



Construction company fined for serious breach in removal of asbestos

31st January 2019

A construction company has been fined for serious safety failings with regards to the management of asbestos.

The Magistrates' Court heard how, in February 2018, a construction company commissioned an asbestos survey which identified a significant amount of asbestos at the site and provided detailed instructions on how it should be dealt with. The construction company invited the survey company to attend site to quote for the asbestos removal and when the surveyor arrived, they discovered that the construction company, and not a licensed asbestos removal company, had removed the asbestos themselves – putting all those who visited the site at risk.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found the company had removed a significant amount of asbestos whilst refurbishing a house without taking the necessary precautions to prevent its spread. The uncontrolled removal put at risk all persons who visited the site as well as the persons working on the site.

The construction company pleaded guilty to breaching

Regulation 11(1) of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and has been fined £14,000 and ordered to pay £3,672.88 in costs.

This prosecution comes at a time when HSE inspectors are currently out visiting construction sites to see if companies are effectively managing the risks associated with asbestos. Speaking after the hearing, the inspector said: "This sentencing serves as a timely reminder for construction companies that a failure to effectively manage asbestos can and will lead to enforcement action.

"Inspectors like myself are currently visiting sites right across London for evidence of companies knowing the risks associated with asbestos, planning their work and using the right controls. We want to see all construction workers, and members of the public, protected from the risks of exposure to asbestos.

"All workers must be protected and not made ill or killed by their work. Everyone should be able to leave work and go home healthy to their families."

Utility company fined after exposing employees to asbestos

7th November 2018

A Court heard that four electricians employed by utility company had been drilling through door transom panels to fit electric cables into each property within the tower block as part of the installation of a new low voltage distribution system.

The company had identified that an asbestos survey was carried out ahead of the works starting but did not include a survey of the transom panels above each flat entrance door.

The four electricians started work on the site on 23 June 2014 and drilled holes in the door transom panels in all 44 flats. The electricians were not aware that the panels contained asbestos, so no measures were in place to control exposure to airborne asbestos fibres.

On 2 July 2017, a resident raised a concern that the panels were asbestos, work was stopped, and the panels tested. The samples tested positive for asbestos. Immediate action was taken to decontaminate the flats which involved the local council making arrangements for the residents to leave their properties while the work was being done.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that the company had failed to provide and maintain a safe system of work to identify the presence of asbestos in the transom panels and failed to carry out a suitable and sufficient assessment of risk to their employees from asbestos when carrying out cable routing work.

The utility company has been fined £6,000 after pleading guilty to a breach of Section 2 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

Speaking after the hearing, a HM Inspector of Health and Safety said: "This incident could have easily been avoided if the company had in place a system of work to ensure that the asbestos survey it requested to be carried out covered all of the intended work areas. Failing to do this resulted in 44 asbestos panels being drilled into with no measures in place to control the risk of exposure to the resultant asbestos fibres."

Companies should be aware that HSE will not hesitate to take appropriate enforcement action against those that fall below the required standards

Assure360 Paperless

How a Smart App is Revolutionising Asbestos Removal

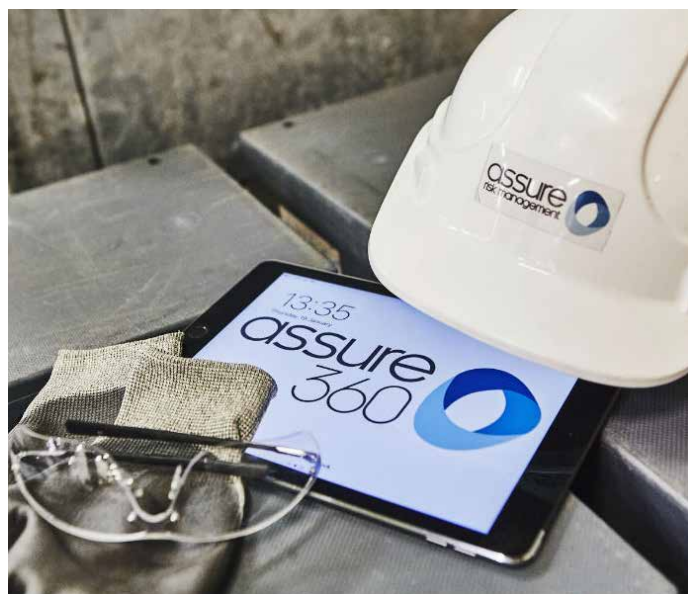
Asbestos removal is the UK's most tightly regulated industry after nuclear, and for good reason. We all know the risks of asbestos-containing materials, and the danger posed by inadequate work, conducted by poorly trained staff. The safety-critical checks required to keep everyone safe are, quite rightly, extensive.

But for licensed asbestos removal contractors (LARCs), the paperwork involved in recording these checks is hugely time consuming. Exposure monitoring, plant and enclosure inspections, smoke tests, and the new HSE enclosure hand-over form to name but a few, can lead to box files of documents. The traditional approach takes hours out of the supervisor's day and traps the vital information on pieces of paper. Less time supervising can mean a less safe site.



It was first-hand experience of these challenges that led me to create Assure360, the must-have system for LARCs, asbestos managers, and trainers. Assure360 is a suite of simple apps, linked to a secure cloud database, which together give businesses the tools they need to streamline all aspects of health and safety and asbestos management. Through Assure360 Audit, Paperless and Incident, the system supports tasks including auditing, trend analysis, competence, incident recording, and much more.

From the start our focus has been to take jobs that people in our industry are already doing, and streamline them. We then maximise the impact of that by really putting the database to work - revealing greater levels of insight than previously possible, without the slog through paperwork. We've designed a paper-free system that even self-confessed technophobes are happy to use daily. With key data captured on site, our powerful database dissects, analyses and presents trends and other findings in real time, ensuring that vital information is recorded, preserved, revealed and acted upon.



Going Paperless

Nowhere is our philosophy more evident than with Assure360 Paperless, our new digital support tool for site supervisors. Created to streamline the recording of all site checks including inductions, exposure, RPE, timesheets and visitor information, Paperless reduces supervisor workload without cutting any corners. The app uses offline data capture, so it's immune to patchy mobile signals, but it also has disaster recovery to ensure you'll never lose anything.

We don't use dumb 'smart' forms - all Assure360 solutions are data. Once recorded, it gives you the power to study, compare and analyse any aspect of the project. This can be non-conformance trend analysis and competence assessment via Assure360 Audit, near-misses using Assure360 Incident - even down to how often enclosures pass visual tests on the first time of asking, with Assure360 Paperless.

We're a small team, and we're happy to talk. If you'd like to discover more about our products, who uses them and how they might help you, you'll find plenty of information and case studies on our website. And if you want to see our products in action, why not drop in to one of our free monthly webinars? You'll find all the details on our blog.

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The Safety & Health Excellence Awards

10th April 2019

The Safety & Health Excellence Awards will be hosted at The VOX Conference Centre, Birmingham this April. The awards are a celebration of safety and health, helping to demonstrate importance of the role they play across all industries in the UK. With over 400 guests attending, all eyes are on the prize, with 14 categories, including 2 of which the UK Asbestos Training Association has been shortlisted:

HSM Rising Star of the Year Award

Craig Evans, UKATA Chief Operating Officer



This category is designed to recognise an individual who made a significant contribution to the implementation or enhancement of health, safety or wellbeing standards within either their own or a client organisation. Craig Evans, Chief Operating Officer of UKATA has risen from a 17-year old apprentice to holding the most senior position in a national trade association in just over a decade. His sheer motivation and drive has without doubt earned him the well-deserved accolade of 'Rising Star'

Campaign of the Year (Fire, Security, Health & Safety)

Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign (in partnership with Jobcentre Plus)



This category is designed to recognise the implementation of a campaign that has led to significant improvements to any of health, safety, fire safety or security to persons or premises. UK Asbestos Training Association have worked in partnership with Jobcentre Plus, part of the Department for Work & Pensions to raise awareness of asbestos and offer FREE training to those actively seeking employment. The free UKATA asbestos awareness training is available nationwide, across all regions and available via E-Learning.

UKATA was recognised in 2018 with a commendation for the Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe 2017 Campaign, which offered free asbestos awareness to over 3,500 DIY enthusiasts and small businesses. Events & Marketing Manager, Victoria Castelluccio said about the award nomination "to be recognised for the partnership we have established with the Department for Work & Pensions is testament to the hard work and dedication the team have given in pushing the Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe 2018 Campaign forward". Victoria will be joined by Nominee Craig Evans at the awards ceremony in Birmingham along with Debbie Nixon, Senior Operation Manager, and Sasha Brailsford, Membership Manager.



UKATA Annual General Meeting

4th July 2019

I look forward to welcoming you to UKATA's 11th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Jury's Inn East Midlands Airport, on Thursday 4th July 2019.

As the Association continues to grow from strength to strength, the AGM is a great opportunity for Members to meet each other, understand how the Association operates, discuss UKATA's achievements and performance during 2018/2019 and look at our strategy for the years ahead.

During the formal business of the AGM from 9:30am – 10:30am, there will be an election of Directors for several vacancies on the Board of Directors. Pen Portraits and all AGM operational documents will be issued to all Members over the coming weeks by the Company Secretary.

Last year over 100 delegates attended the AGM, representing over 50 percent of the membership. This year I hope to see as many Members as possible in attendance as your feedback is vital to the ongoing success of the Association.

Following the formal AGM business, we open our annual Asbestos Conference to Members and industry. All events are complimentary for UKATA Members.

By Graham O'Mahony



Graham O'Mahony

UKATA ASBESTOS CONFERENCE

4th July 2019

Jurys Inn East Midlands

This event allows delegates the opportunity to hear from experts in the asbestos industry, along with networking opportunities throughout.

Tickets available online
www.ukata.org.uk



Members are also invited to the UKATA social evening at Jurys Inn East Midlands Airport on Wednesday 3rd July from 7pm onwards. The social evening is another great opportunity to meet with the UKATA Directors, staff and Members in a more relaxed setting.

If you haven't already registered, please visit
www.ukata.org.uk
to confirm your place.

UKATA Asbestos Conference

4th July 2019

The UKATA Asbestos Conference is a fantastic opportunity to hear from renowned experts and professionals within the health and safety, asbestos and construction industry. Taking place at the Jurys Inn East Midlands Airport, Thursday 4th July from 10:45am – 2:00pm.

Dr Martin Gibson is the first speaker to be announced in the programme of events. Internationally recognised for his work and knowledge around asbestos, the Health & Safety Executive and his large involvement with trade bodies, manufacturers and other key groups to improve the control of asbestos and lower the risk from asbestos. Dr Gibson last spoke at UKATA Asbestos Conference in 2017 with a presentation titled “Asbestos Licenced Training for the Future”. Dr Gibson returns in 2019 to speak to delegates on “Asbestos 4-Stage Clearance and other Key Changes in the New Analyst Guide”.

Further speaker announcements will be made during the run up to the event, with regular updates on the UKATA website and social media platforms. Networking opportunities will be available throughout the day, with the chance to meet UKATA Members, Directors and the staff team.

The UKATA Asbestos Conference will commence with two speakers from 10:45am. A hot buffet lunch will be served from 12:00pm followed by afternoon speakers from 12:45pm with the Conference due to close at 2:00pm.

(any change in timings or speakers will be confirmed in advance of the event)



Dr Martin Gibson

UKATA has many speaker opportunities throughout the year at key events. If you are interested in joining our Member speaker list, contact Events & Marketing Manager, Victoria Castelluccio for more information on 01246 824 437.

The UKATA Asbestos Conference is complimentary for all UKATA Members. Non UKATA Members are welcome for a small fee of just £35.

Register online at www.ukata.org.uk



HSE Connect

On the 20th February 2019, the HSE Connect event took place at The Vox Conference Centre in Birmingham. In a continuous effort to raise awareness of the risks associated to working with asbestos, conforming to legislation and safe working practices, UKATA accepted an invitation from the HSE to sponsor the event. UKATA Chief Operating Officer, Craig Evans and Marketing & Events Manager, Victoria Castelluccio were in attendance as representatives of the Association, assisting with delegate enquiries and networking with industry experts.

The aim of the event was to bring various industries, regulators, trade unions and intermediaries to show the highest quality and the best health and safety practices through several lectures, seminars, exhibitions, panel discussions, surgeries and workshops.

The programme offered engaging and interactive sessions led by numerous speakers such as the HSE Chair, Martin Temple, and the Acting Chief Executive, David Snowball. The event was organised around 4 key themes, and these were:

Health and Safety Made Simple

Impartial health and safety advice and guidance, to include tax, employment law, funding, finance for small businesses.

Making Health Manageable

With a focus on preventing, promoting and supporting the reduction of ill health in the workplace. HSE Statistics reveal that 595,000 workers are suffering from work-related stress, depression or anxiety (new or long-standing) in 2017/18. Working days lost due to stress, depression or anxiety account for 57% of all working days lost due to ill health. In the closing panel debate, a delegate asked “How can HSE include stress into RIDDOR reporting? Would this not help to build data to enable enforcement?” Martin Temple responded: “It is about educating and helping people and bringing mental health into the open. Enforcement needs thought, but our priority now is giving people the tools they need to manage stress, such as our mental health toolkit”. Hugh Robertson, Senior Policy Officer for Health and Safety at the TUC added: “Although enforcement would be challenging, there still needs to be a reporting mechanism to help bring issues into the open, as well as support for employees”.



The Changing Face of Health and Safety

The future world of work, which included cybersecurity, digitalisation and the future world of work. Professor John McDermid, University of York and Lloyds Register Foundation discussed the challenges to regulating health and safety in the future world of work.

Insights From Incidents

Real case studies to highlight how HSE works with industry and trades union to learn from the past, protect the present and research the future. Andrew Curran HSE Chief Scientific Advisor discussed Buncefield Explosion in which HSE secured convictions against five companies, who were ordered to pay almost £10m in combined fines and costs.





HSE on Brexit:

The HSE set aside some sessions to bring delegates up to date on the impact of EU Exit on HSE, particularly chemical regimes and product safety.

The Chair reassured the audience around Brexit: “My clear message to you here today is that the UK leaving the EU does not alter the obligation to ensure health and safety in the workplace and the wider environment.” adding “Leaving the EU with a deal remains the Government’s desired aim and they have given a firm commitment to protect workers’ rights, whatever the outcome. HSE are working to ensure that we do our bit to support this commitment.”

UKATA Chief Operating Officer, Craig Evans said of the event “The experience and opportunities provided throughout HSE Connect, allowed delegates to engage with experts within the health and safety industry. Hearing from Martin Temple was certainly reassuring. UKATA is committed to protecting those working with asbestos, standards will be maintained and upheld throughout any changes within the direction of the Government”

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Health & Safety Event

9th - 11th April 2019

HSM Knowledge Exchange

The Health & Safety Event will be held this year from 9-11 April at the NEC, Birmingham. One popular and well-received feature of the event is the re-branded HSM Knowledge Exchange theatre in which panels of experts take part in interactive question and answer sessions with the audience on a range of pertinent health and safety topics.

This initiative is actively supported and sponsored by "Health & Safety Matters" (HSM), the leading publication for the health and safety sector.

Hear from UKATA Director Gareth Jones on training & competence

Training and competence are key to reducing workplace risks and business performance. The HSM Knowledge Exchange Theatre will explain what delegates may need to do to ensure employees receive appropriate health and safety training. It will also give advice on who may need training, what form the training may take and how to organise it. In addition, it will also touch upon the key safety benefits of ensuring that staff are competent to complete all tasks and thus reduce risks.

This will include ISO 45001 - The burden of occupational injuries and diseases is significant, both for employers and the wider economy, resulting in losses from early retirements, staff absence and rising insurance premiums.

To combat the problem, ISO has developed a new standard, ISO 45001, Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems - Requirements. The HSM Knowledge Exchange will reveal how the new standard will help organisations reduce this burden by providing a framework to improve employee safety, reduce workplace risks and create better, safer, working conditions, all over the world.



The Health & Safety Event

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Technical & Training

UKATA to launch new training syllabus for Non-Licensed Work Managers

All trainers who have delivered UKATA approved training for non-licensed work with asbestos will recognise the situation where by clients only make available employees who will be directly involved in the undertaking of non-licensed work while their managers are frequently nowhere to be seen or, in some cases sat in offices in the same building where the training is taking place.

Frequently those undertaking the training will ask whether their managers should be receiving the training and particularly when issues such as the categorisation of work, preparation of risk assessments and plan of work method statements, notifications for NNLW work and medical surveillance are being discussed in the early sessions of the training.

UKATA Director, John Evans who has led the development of the new syllabus for the training of managers said, "I have lost count of the times when I have found myself in this situation. Having to respond to tradespersons to say that their line managers will be responsible for categorising the work, preparing the risk assessments and plan of work method statements and arranging for the medical surveillance and notifications required for NNLW work, whilst knowing that these managers have not received the appropriate training for these undertakings, is a very unsatisfactory situation.



The answer to this question is most certainly yes. The advice included in the ACOP L143 and within HSG 210 makes it absolutely clear that those managing non-licensed work should receive appropriate training so that they are aware of the necessary preparatory work and the methods of work to be employed to ensure that the employees for whom they are responsible and those who may be affected by the work are not exposed to elevated levels of airborne asbestos fibre.



This is a matter which is now being addressed head on by UKATA through the upcoming publication of a new syllabus which I would commend to all organisations who become involved with Non-Licensed Work with Asbestos."



Brand Development & Marketing

By Jacqui Royal

Investing in and protecting the future of our Association has always been one of the key tasks for the Brand, Development & Marketing portfolio holder, and at the recent auditor's standardisation meeting, held at UKATA head office, that commitment was self evident, with all our auditors demonstrating their passion to delivering on the highest standards that our members expect. Graham O'Mahony chaired the meeting and with COO, Craig Evans and myself also in attendance.

The main purpose for the meeting was to ensure that we are all working at the same level and have the same understanding of what is expected by both auditors and the membership team. Working through the standard audit form as a workshop exercise meant that everyone was in agreement about what is the minimum standard and what is expected during the audit process from our current auditor team. We will be continuing with these meetings on a regular basis, expanding on to non-licensable and licensable audit processes. UKATA remain totally committed to deliver independent and concise audits for our Association, firmly keeping UKATA training providers as the first choice when it comes to clients' asbestos training requirements. Find out more on page 28.



I am delighted to announce that UKATA have signed up as a Disability Confident Committed Employer. This scheme has been introduced by the Government and runs in conjunction with the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) our partner for the Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign 2018/19. So what does it all mean? Being Disability Confident could help employers to discover someone your business just can't do without. Whether an employee has become disabled during their working life, or you're looking for new recruits, being Disability Confident can help your people fulfil their potential and contribute fully to your team's success. By being Disability Confident, you'll also be seen as leading the way in your business sector and beyond, helping to positively change attitudes, behaviours and cultures. See page 32 or visit www.ukata.org for further details and how to register.

More positive news can be found in our member numbers which have never looked better, with 193 members across all categories and at the time of going to press 10 more applications well advanced, the Association is in its strongest position yet. The work that has been done to raise the profile of UKATA training providers by the head office team and directors is surely paying dividends as we go from strength to strength. It is a true reflection of our

standing within our industry that we are now taking our seat at all the strategic groups and meetings. Our voice and experience is being sought out by these stakeholders - well done to everyone involved, lets keep the momentum going. With the success that UKATA has achieved, Brand Protection is always uppermost in our minds. Please remember that if you are concerned about any breach of our brand guidelines or misrepresentation of logos etc. contact our Brand Protection Officer, Jackie Peat for assistance.



We're proud to be DisabilityConfident and support fair recruitment practices. Find out how you can get involved at gov.uk/disability-confident

Member News

Staffordshire based asbestos consultancy Environmental Essentials have recently celebrated a host of staff anniversaries – with 12 members of the team recently reaching 10 years of service with the company.



Executive Director, James Riley said “The foundation to the success of our business is down to the commitment of our colleagues, working together as a team. We are proud and passionate about our business and look forward to many more successful staff milestones to come.”

To mark this occasion each individual received a £250 voucher, a commemorative plaque and a bottle of champagne to help them toast the occasion.



Those reaching this significant milestone came from different areas of the business and from across the companies 6 regional offices. Some of those receiving their award include; Matt Farr, Resource Operations Manager, who said “Ten years has gone so fast. It’s been a fantastic career choice working for EE and I was honoured to receive the award. Here’s to the next 10 years!”.

Also, amongst those receiving this prestigious accolade was Rosie Greer, Training Coordinator, who said “It was a lovely surprise to receive the award for gaining 10 years’ service, it made me feel really appreciated and a valued member of the team”.

“Our colleagues reaching their 10 year service anniversary is a testament to the fantastic culture that has been developed over the years” said Philippa Maher, HR Manager “This culture has been developed through listening to our colleagues, rewarding them for the great job they do and constantly striving to achieve the values of the company”.

As well as those celebrating their 10 year anniversary with the company, over a quarter of the team at Environmental Essentials have worked with the company for over 5 years. “We invest heavily in training our people and in staff communications” said recently appointed Managing Director Danny Kirbyshire “Not only do we appreciate and recognise those colleagues who have been here for such a large part of the companies 15 year history, we also like to mark the occasion of each anniversary as we believe that each anniversary is worth celebrating. Our aim is to be the most respected asbestos risk management provider and employer of choice within our industry”.

Santia Presents Customer Service Excellence Awards



UKATA registered tutor Nik Porter, Principal Trainer of Santia Asbestos Management Ltd, was the worthy winner of the second quarterly Customer Service Excellence Awards, receiving fantastic feedback from Santia customers.

Nik had received positive feedback from customers throughout the year and this quarter was no exception. Customers have described Nik as a “top man”, “really knew his subject”, “an excellent tutor” and has received consistent feedback about the training sessions he holds which have been described as “informative” and “enjoyable”. Santia customers have also stated that they simply would not have passed the course without Nik’s advice, all of which constitutes outstanding feedback.

Member Fundraising

Mavis Nye Foundation IRONMAN Triathlon

140 mile IRONMAN Triathlon to raise funds for the Mavis Nye Foundation.

Gareth Davies, a founding Director of ESS will be competing in the IRONMAN Wales race, one of the toughest races in the world! The aim is to raise funds for the Mavis Nye Foundation to enable the grants to begin, which will provide aid to newly diagnosed victims of mesothelioma, short term expenses, along with grants for research labs to pursue the development of new drugs and supporting young Uni Students to become mesothelioma Doctors.

Gareth Davies says, "We desperately need to raise awareness on the dangers of asbestos exposure" In the UK there are still over 5,000 deaths per year and more than 200,000 worldwide, and most of those diagnosed are given around 12-24 months to live.

Gareth will be doing a gruelling 140 miles in the triathlon and is currently quite terrified; he wanted to do something extreme with the hope that it helps spread the message far and wide, continuing Essential Site Skills fight to help save people's lives!



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An Ironman covers 140 miles.

IRONMAN Wales begins on Tenby's North Beach, which provides one of the most spectacular swim locations on the race circuit. Despite challenging bike and run courses, athletes are treated to consistent and motivating inspiration from some of the most vocal and enthusiastic spectators in endurance sports.

An Ironman is the hardest one-day endurance race in the entire world, covering a staggering 140 miles from start to finish. Gareth will begin with a 2.4 mile open water swim....

With a quick transition, Gareth will jump onto his bike and get pedalling on the 112 mile cycle segment, and then finish the day (hopefully!) by progressing onto 'the run'. The name trivialises it a little, as 'the run' is actually a regulation length marathon – 26.2 miles of running after he's already covered well over 100 miles.



To sponsor Gareth Davies and support the Mavis Nye Foundation, please see:
[www:essentialsiteskills.co.uk/fundraising](http://www.essentialsiteskills.co.uk/fundraising)

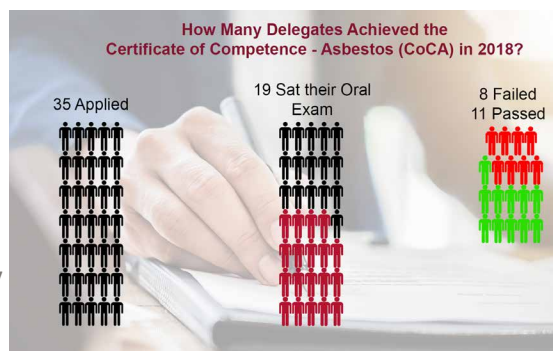
Member News

ATL Safety – Graham O’Mahony awarded Certificate of Competence in Asbestos

Graham O’Mahony of ATL Safety Limited has worked within the asbestos industry for over 20 years, starting his own training company in 2010.

Prior to this he served his apprenticeship as a Plumbing and Heating Engineer and quickly progressed into a technical role. After hanging up his tool belt, Graham moved into an office, working for Local Authority and enrolled in his degree as a Building Surveyor. Graham then side stepped from building surveying into an Asbestos Surveyor for the same Local Authority in the late 1990’s and was responsible for surveying Local Authority properties ranging from housing to schools and other public buildings along with managing asbestos issues. After leaving Local Authority, Graham decided to move into the asbestos training industry where he has continued to deliver asbestos training courses and consultancy services. Graham also continues to work closely with other trades within the construction industry and more recently has become involved in expert witness cases and bespoke consultancy work.

Graham was also appointed to the Board of Directors 7 years ago and has been the Chair of UKATA for the past two and a half years. Graham has achieved the Certificate of Competence in Asbestos (CoCA), which is only awarded to those candidates who satisfy the examiners as to their knowledge in that subject and demonstrate by their education, training and experience that they are competent to practice in the subject field.



Asbestos Training Limited – Celebrating Success

John McFarlane, of Asbestos Training Limited, has demonstrated technical knowledge and ability, successfully passed assessments and examinations to achieve a Certificate of Competence in Asbestos.

John has 15 years’ experience in the asbestos industry, working for a large Local Authority, managing their asbestos unit, dealing with tenants, contractors and staff. Having joined Asbestos Training Limited back in 2016 to further develop his career, he has rapidly become a very accomplished trainer and consultant, very highly respected within the industry. John trains across all three categories of the asbestos industry and works as an adviser to many of his prestigious client base. John also has an interest in Asbestos Analysts Limited, a UKAS accredited air monitoring and surveying company, newly formed at the start of 2018 and finishing its first trading year with healthy profit.



Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 – Duty to Manage

The Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 received Royal Assent on 20 December 2018 and came into force on 20th March 2019. The Act applies to new tenancies (of less than 7 years) including a renewal of an existing tenancy from then. The Act will also apply to a tenancy which was a fixed term tenancy and becomes periodic on or after 20th March 2019. Where the tenancy has become periodic before 20th March 2019, the Act will apply to the periodic tenancy 12 months from commencement (20th March 2020).

The Act applies to any lease under which a dwelling is let wholly or mainly for human habitation for a term of less than 7 years and certain secure tenancies found in section 13(1A) and (1B) Landlord and Tenant Act 1985. For exceptions (none of which are likely to be relevant to our readers) see section 14 Landlord and Tenant Act 1985.

What's new?

Landlords are currently obliged to keep property “in repair”. From 20th March 2019, they are required to ensure that they are “fit for human habitation”.

Although the property must be fit for human habitation at the outset of a tenancy, this obligation extends throughout the entire period of the tenancy too. It is vital that landlords take a proactive approach, with photographic evidence of a property's condition at the outset and throughout the tenancy as appropriate.

Asbestos in properties - UKATA Duty to Manage

Government statistics say the private rented sector remains the second largest tenure in England, and has grown in the last 20 years. The energy efficiency and quality of the private rented sector has improved considerably but, is still behind the social rented sector.

The Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 lists asbestos as one of the matters that could now cause a property to be unfit (only if it so defective that it is not reasonably suitable for occupation). Landlords may benefit from attending a UKATA Duty to Manage course.

The course is aimed at any person who requires an overview of the duty to manage and legislative requirements. This would normally include, but is not limited to duty holder's assistants, appointed persons assistants, building owners, landlords, sub-lessors, managing agents etc.



For further information on training available in your area see www.ukata.org.uk

Living with Mesothelioma - The story of a Mesowarrior

Written by Mavis Nye

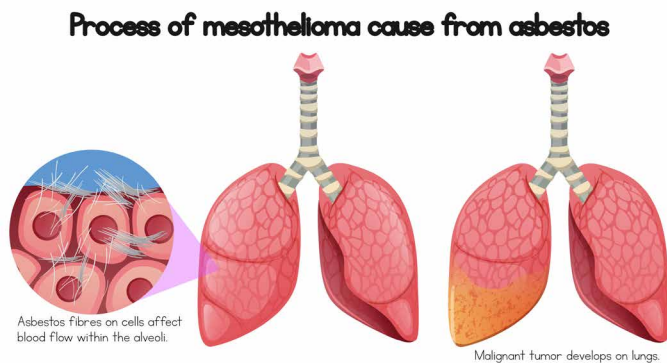
My story is known by regular readers of UKATA Matters, as I have been part of the asbestos world for 10 years now. Yes, time flies and I was initially given 3 months to live. Asbestos didn't know what it took on when it flowed to my lungs and embedded itself.

It took 48 years to show itself as Mesothelioma and after 4 years of chemotherapy, 2 years of MK3475-28 (Keytruda) trial, 2 years of complete response, it thought it could rear its ugly head again in a new tumour in July 2018.

My medical team at the Royal Marsden Hospital were ready and a biopsy was arranged. They were then able to compare the DNA for this sample to the biopsy I had had at Guys Hospital in 2009. Yes, they managed to find a little sample from all that time ago.

They have seen that after immunotherapy I have plenty of PDL1 when I only had 1% before and plenty of white cells.

Lucky enough, I had it written into my trial that if the Mesothelioma returned within 2 years, I could have another year of the drug. I was just 2 months from running out..... Phew!!



After 3 infusions, the scan showed 18% shrinkage, but the next 3 scans showed stable. The last one February 4th has shown the cells are growing, very slowly but we have growth.

The plan is to match my DNA with a drug. This is the latest work with Mesothelioma research.

That is where I am at to date. The next scan is planned for April and if still growing I start a new trial that is with a drug that I match, but it isn't specifically designed to treat Mesothelioma.

Ray has now joined me with cancer treatment, yes, he is even going to have immunotherapy for his Lymphoma which to our surprise.



As for the Mavis Nye Foundation, it goes from strength to strength. Ray and I have travelled miles giving presentations throughout 2018. My favourite one was the Contamination Expo, which took place in Birmingham and of course, we were on the UKATA stand with Craig Evans and all the gang. Ray and I spoke in the UKATA theatre, it was packed with such lovely people so interested in our journey. I'm always so happy there.

Donations came rolling in and we have been able to put together the advert for presenting the Mesothelioma Clinical Research Grants to celebrate our first year of The Mavis Nye Foundation. Awarding its first clinical research grants to mark the first anniversary of the charity. Following a year of fundraising from hundreds of generous supporters, the Mavis Nye Foundation is welcoming applications for grants.

One of the key aims of the charity is clinical research for the treatment of Mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases. Grants will be awarded for applications that fit these criteria.

Clinical Research Grants will be awarded for projects up to £10,000.

The opening date for the grant applications was 2nd January 2019.

The closing date for applications was 31st March 2019. The successful applicants will be announced in April 2019.



Train Safe Campaign 2018/2019

The Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign has been running since 2015 with support from UKATA Members both past and present. The campaign, so far, has been a huge success being commended in 2018 at the Health & Safety Excellence Awards and has now been shortlisted for an award at the 2019 ceremony for Campaign of the Year.

Asbestos related deaths remain the UK's biggest, silent, workplace killer, with over 5,000 deaths related to asbestos exposure. Following discussions with Jobcentre plus, part of the Department for Work & Pensions in 2018, the proposal for a new target audience was established. The aim of the 2018/2019 campaign was to raise asbestos awareness to the unemployed and those actively seeking employment. UKATA, supported by Members aimed to reach out to those who may not know about the risks associated with asbestos and offer support to those who require training in order to get back into work.

Almost 4,000 hours have been pledged so far throughout the UK, providing support and opportunities for those that are unemployed, NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training) and career changers in their journey to securing 'A job, a Better job and a future Career'.

UKATA Chief Operating Officer, Craig Evans says "UKATA has spent 10 years committed to raising the standards of training. By partnering with Jobcentre Plus during our latest Train Safe Campaign we hope to be able to reach even more people and put them on the path to a new career."

The campaign would not be possible without the support of UKATA Members. Plans are currently underway for the 2019 campaign, with further announcements to follow. If you would like to find out how you can benefit from the campaign, or take part in future projects, please contact Events & Marketing Manager, Victoria Castelluccio.



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The Contamination Expo Series

Europe's leading event for Contamination professionals is returning on September 11th and 12th, at the NEC Birmingham. The Contamination Expo Series is gearing up for its fourth year and is set to once again bring the entire contamination and environmental industry together.

The expo series is made up of seven fundamental zones, including Hazardous Materials: designed to showcase the pioneering innovations that further the detection, management, testing and removal of hazardous materials – including asbestos, unexploded ordnance, waste, and microplastics. Across both days, the Contamination Expo Series will boast 150 cutting-edge suppliers, and 120 expert-led and CPD-accredited seminars.

The Contamination Expo is committed to providing businesses, large private and public sectors, local authorities, Government departments and more, with access to the latest equipment and best practices that will advance contamination prevention, management, and recovery strategies.

With an expected crowd of 6,000 professionals and decision makers all under one roof, the networking opportunities are unparalleled – you will connect with significantly more people than you would ever meet over the course of your normal working year, saving you both time and money. In addition to growing your business network, attending the Contamination Expo is a sure-fire way to discover potential collaborations, generate leads, or purely as a fantastic knowledge sharing opportunity.

If you're interested in exhibiting at this year's event or sponsorship opportunities, contact Daniel Rogers on 0117 990 2005 or daniel.rogers@prysmgroup.co.uk

Tickets are completely free and are available online at www.contaminationexpo.com



2018 exhibitor, and UKATA Industry Associate Calcot Asbestos Recruitment, had the following reaction to last year's event: "People that are anything to do with the asbestos industry, they should all be here because all of their clients are here, everybody they want to meet is in one place".

Running alongside four other powerhouse environmental exhibitions, the footfall is truly phenomenal. This attributes to a combined total attendance of 20,000 environmental professionals, all with free access to The Contamination Expo.

If you are a business operating in these sectors, then exhibiting at this year's event is your prime opportunity to cement your position in the industry alongside those leading the way.

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Gill Lewis: A Decade of Service

It is with mixed emotions and sincere gratitude for her service that we are announcing the retirement of Company Secretary, Gill Lewis.

Gill joined the association in August 2008 as Membership Administrator, just 6 months after its inception in January of that year.

Gill describes her first day with the infamous saying “It all started out with a single filing cabinet”. As UKATA began to develop, Gill quickly progressed to the position of Office Manager and ultimately was appointed as the Association’s Company Secretary. From then on, the Association grew from strength to strength to the eminent position it holds today, recognised as a leading authority in asbestos training, with around 200 members delivering asbestos training nationwide...certainly a long way from the single filing cabinet days.

In 2016, Gill Lewis received highly commended at Enterprising Women’s Award and in 2018 at the UKATA Excellence Awards 2018, Gill Lewis received the 10 Years of Service Award.

Speaking of her retirement, Gill said “For those of you that know me personally will understand and appreciate how much soul searching it has taken for me to make this choice, as I sometimes wonder if UKATA runs through my veins! From the moment I started with the business I have been totally committed to the ethos of UKATA and what it was set up to achieve. I could quite easily carry on working for the Association as I still thoroughly enjoy my work and the involvement in planning for the future, but I have so many personal interests that it’s now time to take stock”

Gill is a Wife, a Mother and a Grandmother to five children. Gill has many commitments outside of work, including her beloved cockapoo Zak and her place in the Honeybells Choir which sees her performing across the region. Gill and her husband love travelling, and plan to do much more over the coming years.

Gill will be sorely missed by everyone at the UKATA office, from the staff who have been here for multiple years and the staff who have only just joined us. She has helped every single member of the team, both past and present. She has been extremely supportive over the years for all the apprentices. She is an outstanding woman who will always give you a shoulder to cry on and above all else, is a credit to the Association.

The Board of Directors recognised Gill’s service at her last Board Meeting in February 2019, where she was presented with a token of appreciation.

Chief Operating Officer, Craig Evans remarks, “On behalf of everyone here at the Association, we will miss Gill dearly and wish her the best of luck”.



Course Developments

UKATA recognise the requirement for training and development across all levels within the construction industry. Additional courses have now been launched as a direct result of discussions with UKATA Members who attended Regional Meetings which were held in 2018.

UKATA Members can apply for the additional courses by contacting the dedicated membership team. For those wishing to attend a course, please visit the UKATA website for a list of approved training providers.

Asbestos Awareness for Waste Management and Civic Amenity Site Operatives and Managers Course



Asbestos Awareness for Waste Management and Civic This course will assist delegates to meet their legal obligations when undertaking work on Waste Management and Civic Amenity Sites where asbestos wastes are knowingly or inadvertently received and provide them with an awareness of the types, condition and visual images of asbestos products which may arrive at the site where they work. This course however does not relate to any direct work on asbestos containing materials.

Who should attend? Any persons who may encounter asbestos containing materials during their day to day work activities whilst working or controlling work on licensed waste management or civic amenity sites.

Non-Licensable Work with Asbestos Including>NNLW for Waste Management and Civic Amenity Site Operatives and Managers Course

This course will assist delegates to meet their legal obligations when undertaking Non-Licensed or Notifiable Non-Licensed Asbestos work on Waste Management and Civic Amenity Sites where asbestos wastes are knowingly or inadvertently received. The UKATA Syllabus also addresses the requirements and procedures for safely undertaking Non-Licensed and Notifiable Non-Licensed Asbestos Works at such sites.

Who should attend? Any persons who may be required to undertake or manage Non-Licensed or Notifiable Non-Licensed work with asbestos containing materials which arrive at waste management sites by design or as inadvertent or unauthorised content of other wastes.

Asbestos Project Managers



This course is for persons responsible for delivering and overseeing asbestos removal projects and are required to understand the legislative requirements for asbestos surveying and asbestos removal procedures, including the procurement and the on-site management of asbestos contractors.

Who should attend? This course is aimed at Site Managers, Project Managers and Contract Managers and any other person who may assist in these roles or is responsible for procuring asbestos works.

UKATA Training Course Portfolio

Every employer must make sure that anyone who is liable to disturb asbestos during their normal work, or who supervises those employees, gets the correct level of information, instruction and training so that they can work safely and competently without risk to themselves or others

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- Asbestos Awareness
- Asbestos Awareness for Groundworkers
- Asbestos Awareness for Waste Management and Civic Amenity Site Operatives and Managers



NON-LICENSABLE

- Non-Licensable Work with Asbestos Including>NNLW
- Non-Licensable Work with Asbestos Including>NNLW for Groundworkers
- Non-Licensable for Waste Management and Civic Amenity Site Operatives and Managers

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- New Asbestos Manager
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- Licensed Asbestos Scaffold Supervisor
- Licensed Asbestos Scaffold Manager
- Ancillary Licence Maintenance Engineer
- Ancillary Licence Maintenance Supervisor
- Ancillary Licence Maintenance Manager
- Asbestos Enclosure Entry

MANAGEMENT

- Duty to Manage
- Duty to Manage: Appointed Person
- RPE - Competent Person
- Asbestos Project Managers

SOILS & MADE GROUND

- Asbestos in Soils Awareness
- Asbestos in Soils



Audit Standardisation Meeting

UKATA's mission is to remain at the forefront of asbestos training and awareness. UKATA is committed to both maintaining and improving higher standards of asbestos training through ongoing monitoring of training providers through an effective and efficient quality auditing process.

With the above in mind, on the 1st February 2019 UKATA held an Auditors standardisation meeting to review the current standards, auditing process and to set the minimum expectations, initially for asbestos awareness training.

The standardisation meeting was led by UKATA Chair, Graham O'Mahony and COO, Craig Evans and was very well attended by Auditors. Jacqui Royall was also in attendance as the lead Director for the Brand, Development and Marketing aspect of the Association. The meeting was extremely productive and involved a workshop which set the first set of minimum audit expectations for asbestos awareness training.

The UKATA audit process will not change going forward. Audits will still be assessed against the relevant UKATA syllabus in a live training environment, however a more standard approach from Auditors will be noticeable going forward as the audit will be assessed against the minimum expectations.

During the standardisation meeting, many topics were discussed, including; good and bad practices within the industry. This led on to a discussion and debate about the one fibre kills theory. Within the industry it would appear that this theory is still prevalent, despite any evidence to support this theory. Members will be aware that the one fibre kills theory is not supported by UKATA and to that end, UKATA Director, Prof. Roger Willey has prepared a series of slides which discredits this theory. Members are free to use these slides during their training presentations.

The outcome of the standardisation meeting along with the minimum expectations and the one fibre kills theory slides, will be shared with the UKATA membership in due course. Further standardisation meetings are in the pipeline to further develop this work for other UKATA standards.



Professional Indemnity Insurance

Richard Bowdidge, Senior Account Director at award-winning insurance broker Stackhouse Poland, gives an overview of Professional Indemnity Insurance.

General

Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII) is a form of insurance that gives cover for the financial consequences arising from the Insured's professional negligence, following a breach of professional duty caused by their neglect, error or omission. It is sometimes referred to as Errors & Omissions (E&O) Insurance.

In addition to the financial losses for which protection is provided, cover includes defence costs incurred with insurers consent to rebut a claim, even if an allegation is completely spurious.

Any professional person providing advice, specifications, design or particular skills (whether for a fee or not) owes a duty of care to their client, and potentially to third parties. Generally, the duty of care owed is one of "reasonable skill and care" in the provision of the services provided. Should a professional fail to exercise this duty (i.e. is negligent) they may be liable for losses incurred by their client.



Types of PII

Generally three types of PII wordings:

(1) Negligent act error or omission

This indemnifies the policyholder against loss/circumstances incurred only as a result of their negligent act, error or omission in carrying out their business. This is the narrowest form of cover.

(2) Breach of duty

A typical PII policy will provide indemnity against loss arising from any claim or claims for breach of duty which may be made and reported to the Insurers during the policy period by reason of any neglect, error or omissions committed in the conduct of the Insured's professional business.

(3) Civil Liability

Many PII policies go further than standard cover (including virtually all of the compulsory insurances mentioned above) and provide indemnity for any civil liability arising out of the provision of the Insured's services. As an example of the difference this makes, Civil liability would include Libel and Slander Cover as standard unless excluded, whereas under a breach of duty policy, this would need to be specifically added as an extension.

Limits of Indemnity and Policy Excess/Deductible

The limit of indemnity is the maximum amount that insurers will pay in the policy period. The limit of indemnity operates in one of two ways:

Each and every claim/Any one claim cover -

the indemnity limit applies separately to each claim that is made under the policy. However, all claims or series of claims arising from the same occurrence would be treated as one event.

Aggregate cover -

the limit of indemnity is one single amount for all claims made in each period of insurance.

Defence costs can be paid in addition to the limit of indemnity, or can be inclusive within the limit of indemnity. The broadest cover you can therefore secure is any one claim cover with costs and expenses in addition to the limit of indemnity.

The policy excess is the amount that the policyholder is responsible for before Insurers will begin to pay under the policy, assuming the claim is accepted. The excess can either apply to defence costs or not apply to defence costs. If the excess is not applicable to defence costs incurred with Insurers consent, the policyholder has the comfort of knowing they have protection from the ground up, even if the claim brought against them is completely spurious.

Policy Exclusions

These will vary by policy and will depend very much on whether the policy is written on a breach of duty or a civil liability basis. The following are some typical exclusions you will find on PII policies:

COMMON Exclusions

- Bodily injury/property damage, except where caused by a breach of professional duty.
- Claims which arise because your contractual terms go beyond the duty of care you ordinarily owe at common Law.
- Pollution cover is often limited or excluded as standard.
- USA/Canada jurisdiction is usually excluded as standard.

Competition & Fundraising

Competition

UKATA is offering an opportunity for members to win this luxurious hamper. All you need to do is answer the question below.

Where is UKATA Asbestos Conference taking place this summer?

- Jurys Inn, East Midlands
- The NEC, Birmingham
- Radisson Blu, East Midlands

Please email your answer to info@ukata.org.uk by 30th April 2019 and mark your email UKATA Matters Competition Issue 17.

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. Prize may vary from image.



DAST Reflection and Celebration of Life

The names of 107 victims of mesothelioma (asbestos cancer) and other asbestos-related diseases were projected onto the archway of the Crooked Spire, Chesterfield as a poignant memorial of lives lost through work-related illnesses. Attended by nearly 200 people, including UKATA representatives the event included speeches and a poem by Pauline Smith who sadly lost her husband, Tim, to mesothelioma. DAST helps anyone diagnosed with an asbestos related disease, throughout the East Midlands. Its holistic service also includes supporting families who have lost loved ones and has a dedicated bereavement support worker.

If you would like to donate to DAST or learn more about what they do, you can visit their website <http://asbestossupport.net/>



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