

Delivery Partner 5 Year Plan Champions Announced

The hub health and safety team has been looking at how it can best support the Highways England health & safety 5 year plan (5YP) launched in October 2015

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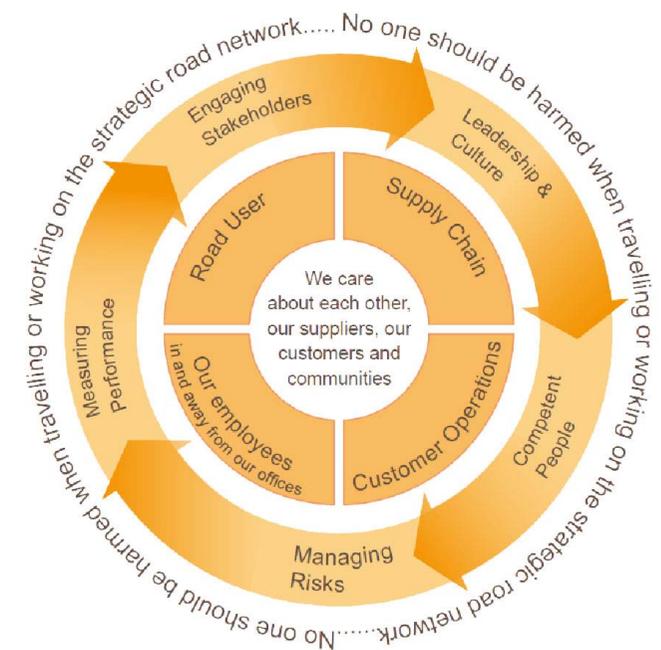
They have decided to appoint golden thread theme champions whose job will be to build on the collaborative work and relationships achieved over the last 4 years. The champions will provide delivery partner H&S specialist support to the plan. The initial focus will be on supply chain actions relating to construction and maintenance activities (NDD & MP).

The champions will act as working group members or leads on specific actions. They will provide a community focal point enabling proposals to be effectively consulted and tested before implementation.

The following champions have been appointed;

- Leadership & Culture; John Wilkinson, Skanska
- Competent People; Mark Bridges, Carillion
- Managing Risk; Mark Lowe, Bam Nuttall / Terry Meadows, Morgan Sindall
- Engaging With Stakeholders; Chris English, Balfour Beatty
- Measuring Performance; Dave Roffe, EM/Kier
- Health & Wellbeing; Ian Nixon, Costain

We wish them well in these important new roles and welcome your support in improving our health, safety and wellbeing.



Highways England Alerts:

Safety Alert 169, Missing manhole cover

Previous Safety Alerts can be found at:

<http://www.highwayssafetyhub.com/alerts>

Overhead Hazard Campaign, Number 4 Launched

The delivery hub health and safety action group is continuing the drive to focus on the elimination or control of fatal risks that our people are exposed to. The overhead hazard campaign will run between February and April 2016 and cover Work at Height, Lifting Operations and Overhead Protection in line with and supporting the Highways England H&S 5 Year Plan and aligning specifically Action 60 High Risk Activities.

Month One, February 2016 – Work at Height

February's campaign focusses on Work at height, with Lifting operations and overhead protection being covered in March and April 2016 respectively.

This campaign has been developed in support of our 'raising the bar' guidance and also includes videos and examples of industry training and good practice which can be used to highlight the significance issues as well as suggesting potential ways to reduce risk to road workers.

Latest statistics released by HSE identifies there were 35 fatal injuries to workers in the construction sector in 2014/15. Almost half of the fatal injury cases were caused by fall from heights. With over half of all reported 'specified' injuries in the construction sector are due to either falls from a height or slip, trip or fall's and a third of "Over 7 Day" injuries reported were also due to work at height and slip, trip or fall on the same level.

The campaign and its content are provided to raise awareness in identification of hazards/risks associated with work at heights.

More information can be found at: <http://www.highwayssafetyhub.com/overhead-hazards.html>



Highways England announces winners of its Supplier Recognition Scheme

The supplier recognition scheme recognises the vital contribution made by Highways England's suppliers who help to modernise, maintain and operate England's network of motorways and major A roads. Recognition is awarded to suppliers that show industry leading commitment to improving organisational, workforce and road user health and safety.

Safety, health and wellbeing category awards were presented to:

Winners
Carillion/Morgan Sindall joint venture, Redspeed International,

North Yorkshire Police (shown in photograph) for an initiative to reduce LGV violations and change driver behaviour

A-One+ Integrated Highway Services for its worker wellbeing initiatives that helped result in lower absence rates including mental health, sleep management and a summer health campaign

Highly commended:

Kier Strategic Highways and WJ Group, BAM Nuttall/Morgan Sindall joint venture, Speedy Services



British Road Safety Statement and Plan

The department of transport has released a British road safety statement for consultation in 2016. The statement includes proposals to increase penalties for drivers caught using a mobile phone and allowing learner drivers on motorways. The government hopes that the plan will “build on Britain’s excellent road safety record”.

With regard to mobile phone offences the proposal identifies, the vast majority of first time offenders will not incur a fixed penalty notice or penalty points but will instead be offered an educational course, at the discretion of the police.

For the majority of drivers and riders the current three penalty points will be increased to four and the fine will increase from £100 to £150.

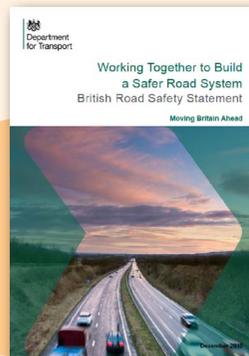
For drivers of larger vehicles such as HGVs, where the consequences of a collision can be much more severe, the penalty points will increase from the current three to six.

Other measures announced include £50m of funding to train the next generation of cyclists through the Bikeability scheme and a £750,000 grant in 2015/16 for police forces in England and Wales to help them build drug-driving enforcement capability.

The road safety plan also includes the following:

- Consulting on options for a drug-drive rehabilitation scheme course and a high-risk offender’s regime for drug-drivers.
- Consulting on proposals to support safety for motorcyclists, who account for 19% of all road deaths, including better training and improved safety equipment.
- Providing a broader range of ‘real-world’ driving experiences for learner drivers, including deregulating to allow approved driving instructors with dual-controlled cars to offer lessons on motorways.

More information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/road-safety-statement-working-together-to-build-a-safer-road-system>



Road Safety Audit’s of Smart Motorway Programme Temporary Traffic Management launched

A Major Projects Instruction (MPI-45-012016) for Smart Motorway Programme schemes was launched on 18/01/2016. The instruction provides details of necessary actions to ensure that Road Safety Audits of temporary traffic management (TTM) operating regimes (roadworks) are completed in a consistent manner across the schemes.

The document is relevant for all aspects of temporary operating regimes, including diversion routes. Phases that involve narrower lanes, contraflow or diversion are included. Exclusions include short term roadworks (e.g. for surveys) or minor changes to longer term main phases.

This instruction applies to the construction phase of all Smart Motorway Programme schemes that have not yet implemented TTM as at the date of publication of this MPI.

Further details can be found on the Supply Chain portal; <https://hasupplychain.dft.gov.uk/majorprojects/Shared%20Documents/MPI-45-012016%20Road%20Safety%20Audit%20of%20SMP%20Temporary%20Traffic%20Management.doc>

Contact Janet.Collins@highwaysengland.co.uk if you need to have access to the supply chain portal.



New supervisor guidance

Recent incident investigations within the construction and maintenance community have identified potential deficiencies in the current expected ratios and competency levels of supervisors within work teams. As a result this has been included as a topic of concern in Highways England's 5 Year Health and Safety Plan under actions 39 and 40.

As part of the work to deliver these actions, the current expectations of Highways England delivery partners has been reviewed in-line with regulatory, industry, trade bodies and other peer industries. Whilst guidance reviewed specified levels of minimum expectations there is not a consistent approach adopted with regards to minimum levels of supervision and minimum standards of competency.

In conjunction with the supply chain a 'Raising the Bar' document has been produced to provide clear guidance on the expected level and minimum competency requirements of all tiers of supervision for all Construction and Maintenance Activities.

In summary the main expectations for supervisory ratios is for delivery partners to base the level of supervision provided on the level of risk of the operation to be carried out, the environment in which the task is being undertaken and the skills, knowledge, training and experience of the workers involved. As part of the embedment process of this Raising the Bar a decision tool is being developed and trialled to ensure suppliers are assessing activity supervisory requirements in a consistent manner.

Occupational Health, Noise and Dust Campaign (Aug, Sep, Oct-2015)

Following the completion of last years Occupational Health campaign an online survey was launched to enable participants to give feedback on the initiative, it's content and effectiveness. 25 valuable responses were received from a wide range of delivery partners and Highways England employees. The feedback was very positive and gives a baseline of information relevant to action 73,117, 118 and 119 of the 5 year plan and identifies future topics the workforce would like to see in future occupational health and wellbeing campaigns.



Details of feedback can be viewed by following;- <http://www.highwaysafetyhub.com/occupational-health--wellbeing.html>

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