

Partnership on Health And Safety in Scotland

Construction Sector Update

Purpose of the Paper

To update the PHASS committee on the developments in HSE approach to regulating the construction sector

Background

A paper was submitted to the Health & Safety Commission's 9th October 2007 meeting, attached without appendix

Discussion Points

The key overriding messages were:

- HSE continues to successfully use a wide range of methods to encourage the construction industry to take responsibility for managing the health and safety risks it creates and to seek improvements in construction health and safety
- HSE routinely monitors and analyses injury and ill-health statistics and continues to target its resources where it will have most impact
- Further improvements in construction health and safety can be made if all those involved in construction work take greater ownership of the risks they create, show leadership and work in partnership.
- HSE will not hesitate to use formal enforcement action where they find poor standards of construction health and safety.

Conclusion

Committee members are asked to consider the attached paper and how they can contribute to the strategy