

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief brings you information on the management of skin health.

Health and Safety Executive Action Plan July 2017

As staff will be aware the organisation has been taking formal action with regard to the HSE Inspection report from April 2017.

We have been bringing you information through Core Brief on the three topics considered by HSE: management of falls; management of sharps and management of skin health.

Last week we talked about the "management of falls" and the "management of sharps" today we are bringing you information on the "management of skin health".

Management of skin health

- We will be re-launching and implementing the skin health surveillance programme led by the Occupational Health Service.
- All staff classed as 'wet workers' – washing hands 20 times or more per day – and glove users will be asked to complete an annual one page skin health questionnaire by their manager.
- Hand Hygiene e-learning modules including skin health are in place for staff at risk and are classed as mandatory.
- Updated e-learning modules will be available for Managers and Responsible Persons in line with the new Skin Health Surveillance programme. Non-clinical managers and responsible persons will receive face to face training from Occupational Health along with the e-learning modules.
- The HSE indicated that staff should only use products such as Dermal 500 for skin problems if this has been prescribed by their GP or recommended by Occupational Health. Staff should seek the appropriate advice through Occupational Health if they think they have dermatitis. This can be caused by or affected by work activities.
- Please ensure that you complete the annual questionnaire and undertake the e-learning training if requested by your manager.

If you have any questions on this issue please contact the Health and Safety team.

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