

# Reigate & Banstead

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**Surrey Environmental Health Managers Group**

**Members Seminar**

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# The Local Authority role in health and safety law enforcement

- Enforcement is split between LA's & Health & Safety Executive
- Range of premises
  - Shops, offices, warehouses, catering, leisure & consumer services.
- Range of interventions
  - Inspections
  - Complaint and accident investigations
  - Projects
  - Advice to businesses and the public
- It is not 'elf and safety'!



# Surrey Health and Safety Study Group

- Made up of representatives of each of the 11 Surrey LA's and HSE
- Meetings 4 times a year
- Training events for officers



# Surrey Project Work

- Study Group coordinates a number of Surrey projects each year.
- Nominate lead officers
- Prepare project plans
- Conduct evaluation



# Current Projects for 2010-11

- Tattooing & body piercing
- Legionella
- Event Safety
- Surrey Estates Management Initiative (SEMI) 2010



# SEMI 2010

- The largest of the Surrey projects this year, in full partnership with the HSE
- 6 Surrey LA's participating
- Aims to improve the management of asbestos and workplace transport risks in businesses on selected Surrey industrial estates
- Improves database of premises and allows more effective risk prioritisation
- Demonstrates sensible H&S approach



# SEMI 2010

- First stage is Promotion and Information Gathering visits – PIG
- Followed by inspection of higher risk premises 2-3 months later.
- Enforcement lead project
- SEMI 2009-10
  - 123 PIG visits, 21 days of officer time (5 LA's)
  - 62 follow up inspections, 14 days of officer time (3 LA's)
  - 5 Improvement Notices & 1 Prohibition Notice served



# 'Sharing our Knowledge'

- 2008 bid for a research project to look at barriers to sharing knowledge and best practice across the County.
- Pilot website went live in the South East in May 2010.
- Provides a way to access knowledge and best practice from other practitioners across the region.
- Won a good practice award at the LACORS Regional Partnership Event in November 2009.



# Partnership Working

- The Study Group works very closely with our partners the HSE
- Regular attendance by Partnership Liaison Manager



# Flexible Warranting

- 10 out of the 11 Surrey LA's are planning to implement flexible warranting with HSE and each other.
- Means that we could take enforcement action to deal with imminent and serious risk in any premises, regardless of enforcing authority.
- Allows for planned work e.g. joint projects and reactive.
- Allows for greater flexibility and resilience – can assist each other in a crisis.



# Any questions?

