

CIEH SW

Update for meeting 1 December 2009 South West Regional Management Board

Central CIEH developments:

- CIEH nationally is becoming more “member facing” and services/initiatives will be more member focused and locally delivered. Access to membership will be more inclusive. Strategic Projects Director is significantly involved in both the re focus and regional development initiatives. The CIEH organisational review will be seeking to ensure that the organisation is best able to meet future challenges.
- Regions are seen as the regional voice and networking hub for CIEH providing the support structure to delivery of environmental health. The support, connectivity and management of the regional networks are currently being enhanced nationally.
- Environmental health managers meetings will now take place (alternating with LACORS meetings) as an expansion of the current secretaries to County Chief Officer Groups. The CIEH led meetings will include environmental health managers within other delivery structures such as PCT, government agencies and the commercial and voluntary sector. This will enhance wider perspectives on current issues and facilitate sharing of expertise across all sectors. The first of these meetings will take place in April 2010.
- Value of environmental health – the Strategic Projects Director is involved in a project that will be attempting to capture/ evaluate the value of environmental health and the impact of services.
- Development and contribution to national strategies including competence, better regulation, professional standards
- Substantial work still continues on the CIEH contribution to the planning and preparation for the Olympics/Paralympics 2010. Lobbying has been successful and environmental health has an influential place on the LOCOG food advisory group and on the Public health work stream. The Strategic Projects Director currently leads on food safety strategy planning and mobile vending planning linked to the Olympics. There are many areas of this work that will influence and impact on environmental health policy and practice. One of the key issues that will be important in the SW is outdoor and mobile catering. Work is starting to promote a range of development opportunities for environmental health professionals and the catering industry in the SW and will be one of the work priorities for 2010.

The Strategic Project Director is involved in other Regional project/partnership areas including-

- The Strategic Projects Director is supporting the SW Regional Heads of Regulatory Services Group in two of their three work streams: Intelligence and evidence building and regional joint training programme. This

LARS/SWERF group will be meeting again in January 2010 to move forward in developing a programme of action. Although SWERF now technically does not exist the partners remain involved in the developments. The CIEH SW and SWRMB is represented through the Strategic Projects Director.

- South West Healthy Workplace Strategic alliance- a multi agency alliance that will be promoting a workplace health strategy and action programme for the region.
- Food safety liaison and co-ordination with regional FSA which includes a number of projects such as the social marketing/ sandwich shop initiative, food and sustainability/ food competences application in SW.
- FRESH (Regional co-ordination of occupational health and safety) representing CIEH SW and contributing directly to a number of projects including the implementation of the RDNA (Competence framework), Legionella MOU and updates, Sun bed regulation, skin cancer prevention
- Climate change and sustainability including Climate Connections in partnership with Public Health, Sustainability SW and other regional groups
- Public health initiatives such as skin cancer, sun bed research- the joint research and report of results will be launched shortly and will spur the development of a CIEHSW led programme of initiatives around sun beds awareness and regulation.
- Contribution and development around health profiles, linking with national work on this and regional input from SHA and other partners. Work also links with SW Regional Assembly and County Councils around CAA
- Private sector housing- collation of data and strategy (currently working directly with the Devon private sector strategy group and Devon Affordable Warmth). This links to response from environmental health to LAA and CAA as well as the health profiling work and building an evidence base.
- Other areas with the region have asked for similar policy support and contribution and this is now being explored.
- Support and contribute to the Public Health Training networks and regional co-ordination including development of events and other initiatives.
- Other one off projects such as anthrax guidance – now with a high profile nationally and will be moved to be national guidance following current consultation.

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