

## **TECHNICAL NEWSLETTER – 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013**

### **CDM REGULATIONS 2014 - UPDATE**

The HSE are proposing to revise the CDM Regulations in 2014 which will have widespread consequences for the construction industry.

They are currently intending to consult with interested parties in September 2013 with the following being the key proposals:

- Works to domestic properties where 2 or more contractors are employed will now become notifiable (subject to the existing 30 day requirement)
- Removal of the current CDM ACOP (to be replaced by a suite of smaller guidance documents).
- Removal of the specific scheduled competence requirements to allow “flexibility” for clients to deem what they consider acceptable competence for the proposed works.
- Removal of the CDM Coordinator (to be replaced by a new duty holder currently referred to as the Project Preparation Manager PPM).

Bearing in mind that the EU Directive itself is due for revision in 2014/ 2015, one might wonder why Great Britain is doing this before the dust has been disturbed, much less settled. We could be in for a series of re-writes and amendments and there is a long way to go before the revised Regulations are enacted into Law but we at Keelagher Okey Klein will continue to keep our readers informed as the process unfolds.

### **HSE INSPECTORS DOUBLED IN BID TO CUT FATALITIES**

The HSE’s new chief inspector for construction is planning to double the ranks of inspectors in a bid to reduce construction fatalities.

Heather Bryant, who took over from Philip White in April, is to marshal 300 extra general HSE inspection staff based in 39 regional offices, specifically to tackle the problem of falls from height. This will more than double the resources

she has had at her disposal to inspect sites.

“I want to make more progress in three years, in terms of reducing accidents, than we might have made in a decade,” Bryant said. Asked for how long these extra resources would be deployed, she said: “For as long as it takes.”

### **REVISED APPROVED CODE OF PRACTICE (ACOP) ON LEGIONNAIRES DISEASE**

A new consultative document has been published by the HSE which sets out proposals for an update ACOP on Legionnaires Disease ‘The Control of Legionella Bacteria in Water Systems’.

The consultation provides an opportunity to comment on whether the draft ACOP text provides legal clarification and proportionate advice in low risk scenarios. The accompanying guidance provides advice on achieving compliance, and information of a general nature including explanation of the requirements of the law, specific technical information or references to further sources of information.

The revised ACOP gives practical advice on the legal requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH) and applies to the risk from exposure to legionella bacteria. It includes information of a general nature including explanation of the requirements of law. The key changes include:

- Some guidance assigned ACOP status to clarify legal requirements where there is an accepted Industry method of compliance
- Some text changed from ACOP to guidance status where the changes do not impact on practical compliance requirements
- Simplified terminology
- Proportionality in low risk scenarios emphasised

A copy of the consultation document can be found here: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd258.htm?eban=govdel-legionnaires-disease&cr=03-Jun-2013>

The consultation will finish on **23 August 2013**.

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## ESTABLISHED:

In Warrington in April 1980 as  
Pheasant Keelagher Partnership

## QUALITY ASSURANCE:

BS EN ISO 9001: 2008

## CORE SERVICES:

Quantity Surveying  
Building Surveying  
CDM Coordinator  
Project Management  
Site Waste Management Planning  
Measured Term Contract Administration  
Training  
Fire Risk Surveys  
Bills of Quantities  
Quality and Safety Auditing and Training  
Quality Assurance Consultancy  
Design Services  
Procure 21 and PFI  
Builders Quantities

## SAFETY SERVICES/TRAINING:

CDM Awareness  
Risk Assessment  
Confined Spaces  
NEBOSH Construction Certificate  
IOSH Managing Safely (Adapted for construction)  
Conflict Management  
Manual Handling (CIEH Validated)  
Controlling Hazardous substances (CIEH Validated)  
Patient Manual Handling  
Bespoke and in-house courses  
See our website

## ACCREDITATION INCLUDES:

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors  
Association of Project Safety  
Association of Building Engineers  
Institution of Safety and Health  
Constructionline - Registration Number 17436  
North West Consortium for NHS Trusts  
Link-Up, The Rail Industry Supplier Qualification and Registration  
Daresbury Laboratory  
The University of Manchester  
The University of Salford  
Alder Hey Children's Hospital  
Golden Gates Housing Trust

## SYSTEMS:

Implementation of Health and Safety Management  
Implementation of Quality Management Systems

## AUDIT/RISK ASSESSMENT:

Provision of CDM compliance audits and action plans  
Site Safety Audits and Inspections  
Quality Management audits  
Fire Risk Surveys

## CLIENT QUOTES:

".. how much I have appreciated working with you during the last sixteen years. It is with your help and co-operation that Matalan has achieved the targets and tight schedules which at times have seemed almost impossible".

".. Keelagher's commitment to our project has been considerable and their professional conduct exemplary".

"We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your professional services over the past years".

"This talk was the best of any sort we have attended"

"We have always had a relationship based upon mutual trust and professional appreciation".

".. like to thank you for your sustained efforts on our behalf".

## TYPICAL COMMISSIONS:

CLIENT: Alder Hey Children's Hospital  
COMMISSION:

Construction Partnering Contract:  
Quantity Surveying/CDM Coordination  
VALUE: Various orders totalling over £22M

CLIENT: Golden Gates Housing Ltd.

COMMISSIONS:

CDM Coordinator on all repair, alterations, extensions,  
maintenance  
VALUE: 13M

CLIENT: Network Rail

COMMISSIONS:

An urgent survey of 464 Vehicle Incursion risk sites  
Training in CDM Regulations

CLIENT: Matalan plc

COMMISSIONS:

73 Stores throughout the UK  
Project Management/Quantity Surveying  
CDMC/Design

CLIENT: University of Manchester

COMMISSION:

Framework agreement for CDM Coordinator  
VALUE: Over £160 million

CLIENT: Taylor Woodrow Construction Ltd.

COMMISSION:

Preparation of Quantities for Tesco Stores  
and Health Centre

CLIENT: Halliwell Jones Ltd.

COMMISSION:

Alterations to BMW and Mini Dealerships  
Quantity Surveying/CDMC  
VALUES: up to £4,500,000

CLIENT: Bolton NHS Foundation Trust

Confined Spaces Risk Assessment Survey

Building Surveying/Training

Whole of Ducts

CLIENT: 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

COMMISSION:

33 urgent projects total value £650,000.00  
Building Surveying/Project Management/Quantity Surveying/  
Design completed within 8 months of commission