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Issues

This report is a routine report updating Council on health and safety data relating to the University.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the following information.

Resource Implications

Not applicable - this report is for information.

Risk Implications

Not applicable - this report is for information.

Equality and Diversity

There are no equality or diversity implications.

Timing of decisions

Not applicable - this report is for information.

Further Information

Requests for further information or queries may be addressed to the Director of Safety Services p.donson@uea.ac.uk Tel: 01603 592199.

Background

Not applicable - this report is for information.

Discussion

Reporting of accident data to Council

Accident and fire safety statistics are provided to the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) for the academic calendar year (1st August to 31st July).

The data provided in this report is for the 1st August 2012 to the 31st July 2013.

Accidents and Incidents

The number of accidents recorded in 2012/13 are very similar to the those in calendar years 2012 and 2011, except for a slightly higher recorded number of accidents for staff:

	2012/13	2012	2011
Total	202	186	207
Staff	146	130	135
Students	27	19	36
Others	29	28	27
Reportable	10	9	9

Reportable accidents

Reportable accidents are categorized into *deaths*, *specified injuries*, *over 7-day injuries* (accidents which result in incapacity for work for more than three consecutive days) , and *dangerous occurrences* (certain incidents which have the potential for causing serious injury without actually having done so). The university is also required to report any accident to a non-employee which resulted in their being taken to hospital.

There were 10 reportable accidents in 2012/13 of which one is in the specified injury category.

The **specified injury**:

- a cleaner fractured her ankle when she slipped on a step.

There were three **over seven day** accidents:

- a cleaner injured her hand as a result of slipping on a drain cover.
- a lecturer suffered a deep cut to the knee and a twisted foot from slipping and falling on stairs
- a cleaner twisted her ankle due to slipping on a path

Six members of the public have been **taken to hospital** as a result of accidents at the university:

- a student scalded her hand making a cup of tea in a catering outlet.
- a visitor was bruised her knee as a result of tripping over a raised paving slab.
- a visitor hurt his wrist as a result of slipping on ice on a pavement.
- an employee of a company based on campus was hurt after slipping on ice in the car park.
- a student was cut when a glass flask broke in his hand.
- a visitor cut their finger when a glass measuring cylinder broke in his hand

Fire Safety

There were 13 reported Fires in 2012/13.

Date	Building/Area	Cause Of Fire
11/8/12	Outside Earlham Hall	Arson
29/8/12	Constable Terrace	Student burning shoeboxes in room
31/8/12	Biomass	Smouldering within reactor
6/9/12	SCVA	Seal on extractor burnt out
12/9/12	Outside Orwell Close	Pile of leaves set alight
22/9/12	Nelson Court	Cooking
14/10/12	Suffolk Terrace	Cooking
15/11/12	Chemistry	Chemical discarded in bin
26/1/13	Paston House	Food in microwave oven on fire
8 /2/13	Colman House	Oil in frying pan fire
8/3/13	Constable Terrace	Pizza box left on top of hobs, that were on
6/5/13	Britten House	Plastic plate left on top of grill
20/6/13	Chemistry	Working with petroleum ether next to a hot plate

Fire alarm activations

Calendar year	All buildings	Residential buildings	Non-residential buildings	No. attended by fire brigade	% attended by fire brigade
2012/13	202	137	65	11	5.4
2012	204	147	57	6	2.9
2011	270	226	44	10	3.7

Legislation changes during the period of the report

On the 1st October, the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 were amended to remove the requirement for HSE to approve first aid training and qualifications.

Also on the same date, changes came in to the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 1995 to clarify and simplify the reporting requirements. The main changes are in the following areas:

- The classification of 'major injuries' to workers has been replaced with a shorter list of 'specified injuries'
- The existing schedule detailing 47 types of industrial disease replaced with eight categories of reportable work-related illness
- Fewer types of 'dangerous occurrence' require reporting.

Upcoming legislation

The HSE is consolidating regulations relating to the contained use of genetically modified organisms. The opportunity is being taken to make the regulations more risk based and proportionate and to reflect the experience of applying the *Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations* since 2000. Changes are proposed to remove potential hurdles that may impede the longer term goal of producing a single regulatory framework for human and animal pathogens and GMOs. The draft regulations are currently available for public consultation until 20th December.

Fire risk assessment works

Currently (as of 25th October 2013) the costs for the outstanding identified work to address requirements (identified in fire risk assessments) stand at £1,125,024. The costs stood at £1,253,089 at the time of the last report to Council (12th April 2013) and at £1,144,589 at the time of the report before that (11th January 2013).

Funding available for fire risk compliance works has been identified for the next three years with one million pounds available during this period.

Attachments

None.