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CIEH update (items 6 & 7 on the agenda)

- The CIEH hosted the POOSH conference on 14 March. It was well attended, the programme was strong and the feedback afterwards was very positive. A number of the issues raised at the conference were incorporated into the CIEH’s work subsequently

- The CIEH has responded to the HSE’s two consultations on removing legislative measures (7 and 14 respectively)

- The CIEH has been actively engaged in the follow up work after the Godstone Farm E.coli outbreak, including participation in the production of a new industry code and attending the first annual meeting of GMAIC (The Godstone Multi-agency Implementation Committee)

- On the subject of industry codes, the CIEH has been approached by the Events Industry Forum to help in the production of a successor to the Purple Guide

- The CIEH is currently revising its policy towards business compliance and regulatory services

- The CIEH is represented on HELA and the Health and Safety Practitioners Forum and intends to be involved in the production of the new binding National Code for regulators (as per the Government’s response to the Lofstedt report). We are involved in the work to extend the Primary Authority scheme and we have written to the DWP Minister about the reference to “training” in the Government’s response

- The CIEH is hosting a meeting for the Better Regulation Executive on the first of the Focus on Enforcement reviews announced by BIS (small food manufacturers)

- The CIEH’s 45 years of noise data came in useful this year when Defra commissioned us to carry out a total of three pieces of analytical work, including a contribution to an investigation into the effects of historic noise policy interventions

- On sustainability, the CIEH and its staff participated in this year’s Climate Week (12–18 Mar)

- On the political front, we have been active in engaging with Ministers, officials and Parliamentarians in respect of the Protection of Freedoms legislation (especially rights of entry), new statutory guidance on contaminated land, re-licensing of Housing in Multiple Occupation and artificial light nuisance. We also gave evidence to the Housing Voice Inquiry and contributed to a conference in Liverpool on skin cancer prevention strategies.

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