



Sheffield Occupational Health Development Group

The Sheffield Occupational Health Development Group was created in 1996. It is a multi disciplinary, multiagency group comprising membership from Industry, Local Authority, Health & Safety Executive, Health and Safety Laboratory and Universities.

The purpose is to raise awareness of occupational health issues across Sheffield City.

It is part of the joint planning group of the 'Root Causes of Ill Health' strategic planning group, and is working towards implementing its strategic framework which comprises six action areas. It is an inclusive strategic group which welcomes

CENTRAL RESOURCE CENTRE

KEYOBJECTIVES:

- To provide a living focus for sharing knowledge and information about occupational health for industry, commerce, health professionals and the general public
- To provide a focus for the strategic development of Occupational Health services in Sheffield
- To provide a base for the Sheffield Occupational Health Development Group

ACTION:

- To obtain support for the central resource
- To establish a central resource in Sheffield city centre by April 2002

COMMUNICATION

KEYOBJECTIVES:

- To raise the profile of occupational health city wide

ACTION:

- To continue to develop the free quarterly Newsletter
- To continue to develop the Occupational Health Network meetings
- To have regular slots in local newspapers and radio by March 2001
- To have a place on the appropriate groups and committees in the city
- To promote the use of the web site as an on-line resource

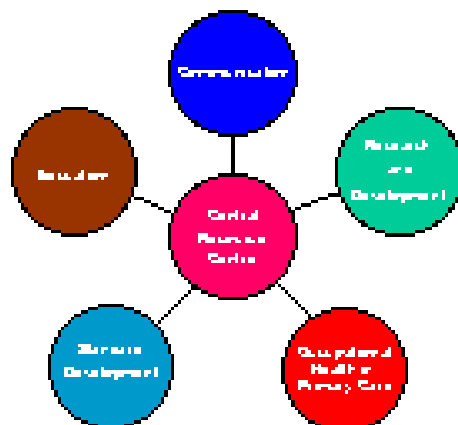
EDUCATION

KEYOBJECTIVES:

- To raise awareness of the impact of occupation on health throughout the medical and nursing professions, industry and Trades Unions
- To influence the curriculum for undergraduate medical & nursing students in occupational health
- To be involved in postgraduate medical and nursing curriculum development

ACTION:

- Create an education subgroup by 31 January 2001
- Develop relationships with the Universities and other relevant training establishments by April 2001



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

KEYOBJECTIVES:

- To create a research & development programme which will address local occupational health problems
- To identify opportunities to fund the implementation of this research and development programme
- To facilitate research findings into occupational health practice

ACTION:

- To scope local activity on occupational health research
- Create a subgroup to identify local research needs by 31 January 2001
- Develop a schedule of research priorities building on existing knowledge by March 2001
- Identify resources required and seek funding which will be an ongoing process

STANDARD DEVELOPMENT

KEYOBJECTIVE:

- To develop a set of standards for occupational health practice by which to audit and assess progress

ACTION:

- To identify existing standards and gaps by 31 January 2001
- To identify a programme of standards for development by 30 April 2001
- To develop an agreed set of standards by July 2001

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH IN PRIMARY CARE

KEYOBJECTIVES:

- To facilitate the development of a comprehensive occupational health services for all primary care staff including doctors
- To build on existing occupational health provision for patients in primary care

ACTION:

- To develop satellite centres in each PCG/PCT providing medical and nursing advice to primary care colleagues and to patients referred from primary care settings by May 2001
- To facilitate the development of a comprehensive occupational health service for all primary care staff including health & safety by September 2001

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