

Health and Safety - Accident Statistics 2013/14

Purpose of the Report

This report provides an overview of the number of accidents that have occurred during the period 1 April to 30 June 2013 within the Council.

Background

The Health & Safety Officer provides advice and training on health and safety matters across the Council. This Officer is also responsible for producing management information on the number of accidents. These are collated on a regular basis and are reported to the joint Health & Safety Committee. This Committee reviews the accidents and makes recommendations or learning that needs to be implemented.

Accident Statistics

The Council's accident statistics are broken down into reportable and non-reportable accidents.

Reportable accidents are those covered by RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases & Dangerous Occurrences Regulations, 1995). These accidents have to be reported to the Health and Safety Executive and include:

- Where a member of staff has been required to stay in hospital for 24 hours after an accident;
- Where a member of the public was taken to hospital for treatment after the accident;
- If the accident results in the member of staff being off work for 3 days after the date of the accident,

The table overleaf shows the number of accidents that have occurred during the current quarter (1 April to 30 June 2013) by reportable accident type and category and the year to date.

The table also provides comparative details of the number of accidents for the previous year (2012/13)

Table: Accident Cause Statistics – (for the 1st Quarter - 1 April to 30 June 2013) and Year to Date: Comparative Accident Cause Statistics for the previous year (2012/13)

Accident cause	Quarter 1 (1 April - 30 June 2013)			Current Year To Date (2013/14) Actual		Previous Year (2011/12) Actual	
	Non Reportable	Reportable	Total	Non Reportable	Reportable	Non Reportable	Reportable
Manual handling		1	1		1	4	1
Contact Fixed Objects (e.g. sharps)	1		1	1		7	1
Struck by Moving Vehicles RTA's						3	
Struck by Moving Objects - others	2		2	2		5	
Slips / Trips / Falls	1	1	2	1	1	13	1
Violence - Physical such as dog bites						1	
Violence - Verbal							
Near Miss						1	
Other, such as cuts.						4	
Total	4	2	6	4	2	38	3

Members of the Public	1	0	1	1	0	8	2
Employees	4	2	6	4	2	30	1

280

Actual Number of Employees (Not FTE's)	290	290	280
Number of Employees Trained in Safety Awareness	0	0	200
Lost time for all reportable accidents (days)	-	-	13

Source: SDDC Accident Statistics

During the first quarter of 2013/14 there were five non-reportable or minor accidents, involving four employees and a member of the public who was involved in a slip, trip and fall accident. Existing risk assessments have been reviewed and control measures being reinforced.