

# **ORR Improvement Notice against Network Rail Chester Pway Depot Wessex Response**

## ORR Improvement Notice Information:

An Improvement Notice was issued following a site visit to Liverpool DU (Pway and Off track teams) on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October. The purpose of the visit were to discuss the management of the risk to staff from the use of vibrating tools.











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## The following were the key areas requiring improvement:

- LM had a poor understanding of their role in managing the risk of vibration to their staff.
- No risk assessment.
- Limited vibration exposure monitoring data and not manufacturer and model specific.
- LM didn't understand the purpose of exposure monitoring.
- LM accepting EAV as an acceptable level of exposure, when the regulation states that vibration must be reduced to as low as reasonable practicable.
- LM not reviewing recorded vibration exposure information for breaches of ELV and not completing a L1 investigation when this has occurred.
- LM had poor understanding of conditions that increase certain employees risk to vibration.
- LM were not aware of level of compliance with Health Surveillance within their teams.
- National documentation and standards need review and standardisation

# Actions to take to comply with Improvement Notice:

-  Each LM **must** liaise with Occupational Health and Wellbeing Manager (OHWB) to receive his/ her list of vibrating tools used by their team.
-  Each LM **must** identify everyone within their team whose work involves the use of vibrating tools
-  Each LM **must** have knowledge of everyone within the team who works with vibrating tools and whose health is at particular risk from exposure to vibration
-  Each LM **must** utilise the Route's Manual Vibration Monitoring system to record vibration exposure for each of their employees against Exposure Action Value (EAV) and/ or Exposure Limit Value (ELV).
-  Each LM who's employees have not received a HAVS briefing within this year, must contact the OHWB to arrange a briefing.
-  Each LM **must** engage with current Health Surveillance Programme and ensure that ALL their employees have an opportunity to attend.
-  Ensure that vibration risk is reduced at source, if not possible, that it is reduced to as low as reasonably practicable.
-  Implement any other equally effective means of achieving compliance with this Notice.