

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 17th 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 (OHWM) 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 OHWM 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.