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NASC MEETS WITH HSE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SOUTH WEST TO DISCUSS SCAFFOLDING INDUSTRY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

NASC member representatives met with HSE Inspectors in Plymouth recently to discuss ways of raising awareness of scaffolding industry training requirements in the South West.

The meeting was organised by Lynn Way (Chair of NASC South West Region) further to a request from HSE, and was kindly hosted by HSE at their North Quay Plymouth offices on Thursday 3 August. A team of HSE Inspectors from the South West was in attendance, together with representatives from NASC member companies from the region, also direct representation from NASC.

The meeting commenced with an overview of the NASC and its objectives delivered by Ken Johnson (NASC Technical Advisor). This was warmly received and was followed by a presentation about the Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) delivered by Neil Gray (Senior Instructor and Health & Safety Advisor, LTC Training Services, Plymouth).

Discussion topics included Scaffold Inspection, Competency, Edge Protection and Handrails. Supervision, Standardisation and Scaffold Design were also discussed, as was the nature of basic and complex scaffold structures.

CISRS scaffolder training requirements were explained, and it was noted that CPD training was now a requirement at time of card renewal. The presentation emphasised the importance of checking CISRS cards and included an overview of CISRS course content.

Those present were advised that all NASC Health & Safety and Technical guidance (with the exception of NASC pocket guides and TG20:13 publications) was now freely available for download from the NASC website.

Helena Allum (HSE Principal Inspector, Construction) commented: "It was good to hear and talk about scaffolding with people from the industry. It was a great benefit to us all and will aid us in our job".

Lynn Way (Chris Sedgeman Scaffolding Ltd) added: "The opportunity to meet with HSE representatives from Plymouth was really useful, and we look forward to developing this dialogue further".

Neil Gray (LTC Training Services) said: "It was a pleasure to speak about the industry card scheme CISRS to such an attentive and interested audience. We believe the exercise was productive and beneficial".

At the conclusion of the meeting a selection of NASC guidance and CISRS literature was presented to the team of HSE Inspectors. It is hoped that the exercise will be repeated with presentations by NASC to HSE Inspectors in other regions.