

Health, Safety and Wellbeing Team

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Introduction

The Council recognises that its operations involve the use of contractors, suppliers and partnerships that undertake work on its behalf which might expose employees and others affected by the Council's work to potentially harmful situations or environments. The Council is committed to adequately controlling and monitoring the activities of these contractors, suppliers and partners to ensure they undertake these activities in a safe manner and do not expose employees and others to unnecessary health hazards.

CC Management Of Contractors Policy

Selection of Contractors

- The Council will satisfy themselves that contractors are competent to do the job required safely and without risks to health. This is achieved in a number of ways, each of which considers the health and safety implications of the job. These include:
- Requesting registration with a relevant SSIP forum member,
- Internal assessment using Cornwall Council's own assessment criteria which are risk based or,
- Requesting OHSAS 18001 certification.

What is required?

- Contractors must be able to demonstrate that they meet minimum h&s legislation along with any Council specific requirements. This includes: -
 - Policy documents
 - Training records
 - Incident statistics

Can we achieve it

- Any provider is expected to be able to demonstrate h&s legal compliance.
- Accreditation is one way providers may be able to demonstrate this compliance.
- Providers may benefit from seeking advice from a competent h&s consultant if they struggle to meet the requirements

National Accreditation

Various options Available, several have specific social care elements

- Safety Schemes in Procurement – [SSiP](#)

SSiP is an umbrella organisation enabling one stop verification of providers.

- Contractors H&S Assessment Scheme - [CHAS](#)
- [BS OHSAS 18001](#) or new ISO 45001

Benefits to Providers & Council

- Accreditation brings with it assurances that contractors are compliant with h&s legislation
- Speed up the procurement process for both Council and providers
- Reassure clients you are committed to safeguarding their reputation

Verification

- Once the contracts are up and running the Council can monitor ongoing compliance through the SSiP portal without requiring additional information from providers
- Ongoing verification ensures the Council is meeting its legal obligations with regards to contractors
- Self Audit questionnaires may be used for non-accredited providers

Domestic Tender Specifics

- Occupational Dermatitis/Latex Allergies
- Potential for Working at Height
- Electrical Safety
- Hazardous substances, including chemicals/biological and sharps
- Sub-contracting assessments
- HSE - [Cleaning Industry](#)

Questions and Answers

- Please feel free to ask any questions.
- Thank you very much for listening.