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**Main Theme:** 

> From the Chair



Hazard Spotting





**Main Topics** 

Cabinet Office (UK Government)







Other (Pandemic)



News / Stop Press – Covid-19 HSE / Gov UK SOM (OH etc. professionals)

Other webinars etc Next event(s): BHSEA - April, May and June Webinars







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### From the Chair



Like many people who are vulnerable and self-isolating, my recent internet activity has been primarily to try and book home delivery slots (any supermarket will do) one of the most difficult and frustrating activities I can remember. Thank goodness for a small local fruit and veg supplier.

Other internet searches have included *compost; seeds; rake* (my 'old' one - not used for a while - recently broke); *coronavirus* and (for the purposes of this newsletter) *health, welfare and wellbeing*.

The coronavirus / risk search revealed 'National Risk Register Of Civil Emergencies - 2017 edition' in which pandemic influenza (not quite the same as coronavirus) was considered to be very likely (4 on a scale of 1 -5) to occur within the next five years, "..... potentially leading to between 20,000 and 750,000 fatalities and high levels of absence from work". (A sobering read!)

The document provides a description and assessment of risks (more then you would imagine) faced by Government, every individual and every enterprise. It provides an invaluable aid and opportunity for reviewing, developing and improving business interruption plans and resilience going forward.

Perhaps the most significant and often overlooked part of business interruption and resilience is the health, welfare and wellbeing of people who will be affected which has never been brought into such sharp focus as now with reports of deaths, job-losses, hardship and other suffering, a daily occurrence.

An interesting NHS <u>website</u> provides a comprehensive and user-friendly guide to health and wellbeing. It has a section on leadership and line management and includes a wellbeing <u>toolkit</u> for use by individuals and OH professionals. (Some screenshots are included later in the newsletter).

Whilst we are seeking other opportunities such as webinars to pursue the BHSEA aims and stay in touch, we look forward to re-commencing our monthly face-to-face events when circumstances allow.

In the meantime I hope you remain safe and well.









# What could happen?



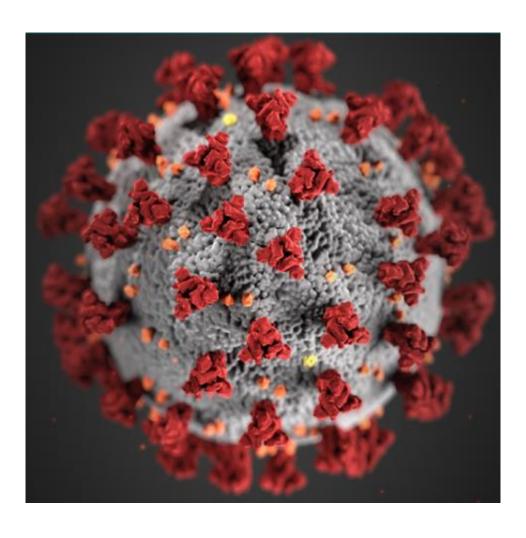








# What did happen





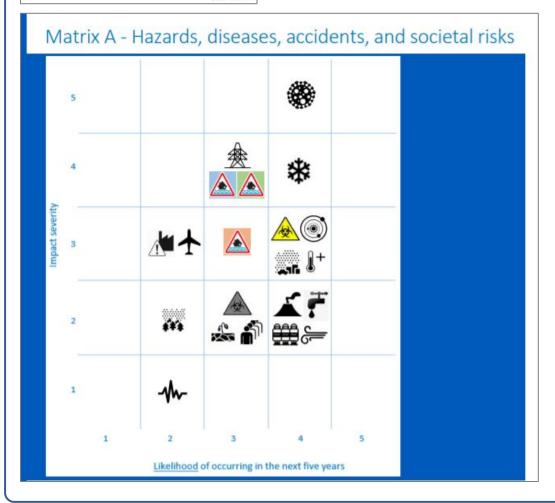


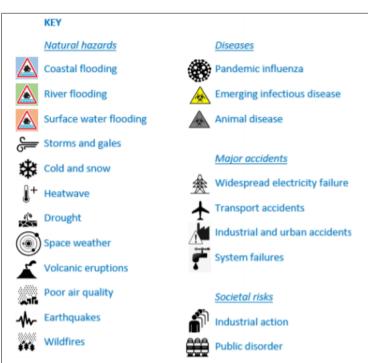




# National Risk Register - extract 1







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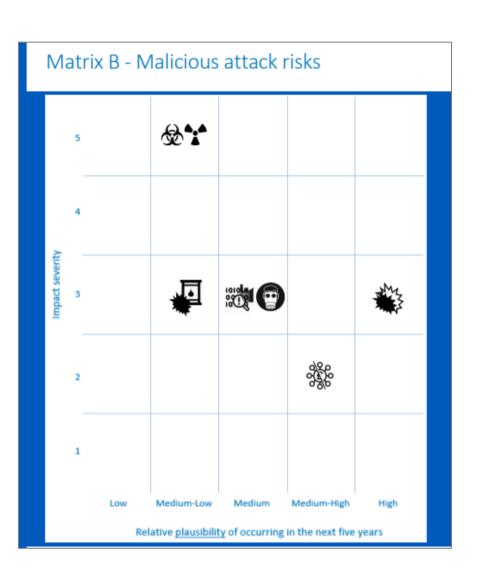








# **National Risk Register - extract 2**















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**National Risk** 

Register

- extract 3

# What would you do in the event of...







Temporary closures of work, school or nursery?

Roads, bridges or public transport being unavailable to use?

Physical damage or flooding to your home or business?







Having to leave your home or business to stay in temporary accommodation? An electricity blackout or loss of other utilities. such as fuel, water or gas?

Having your personal information stolen or corrupted online?







A risk to you or your family's health from extreme temperatures or disease?

Being caught up in a terrorist attack involving firearms?

Being caught up in an environment contaminated by hazardous materials?





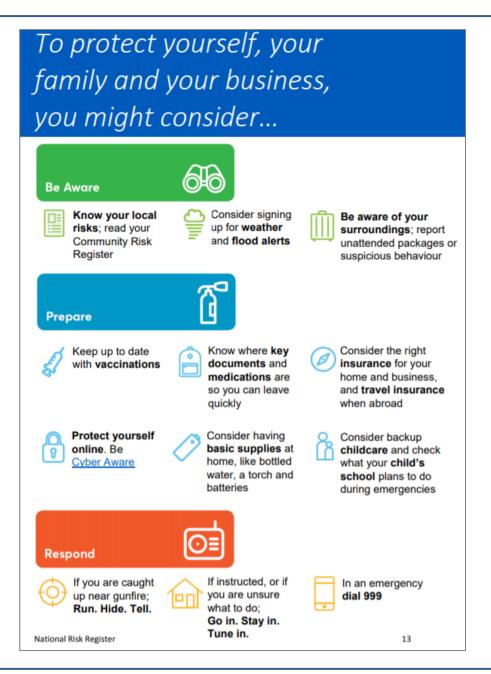








# National Risk Register - Extract 4













### National Risk Register - extract 5

#### Human diseases

#### What's the risk?

Human diseases take a variety of forms, some of which have the potential to cause a civil emergency due to the number of people they might affect in a short space of time. One such risk is an influenza ('flu') pandemic. Flu pandemics are natural events that happen when a unique flu virus evolves that few people (if any) are immune to. There are important differences between 'ordinary' seasonal flu of the kind that happens in winter, and pandemic flu. In a pandemic, the new virus will spread quickly and cause more serious illness in a large proportion of the population, due to the lack of immunity. There is a high probability of a flu pandemic occurring, but it is impossible to predict when, or exactly what it would be like.

Emerging infectious diseases could also cause large numbers of people to fall ill. These are diseases which have recently been recognised or where cases have increased over the last 20 years in a specific place or among a specific population (e.g. the Zika virus). The likelihood of an emerging infectious disease spreading within the UK is assessed to be lower than that of a flu pandemic.

Ways of catching these diseases can include:

- respiratory (airborne from one infected person to another);
- vector-borne (spread to humans via a third-party species, e.g. a mosquito);
- blood-borne (spread between humans via exposure to infected blood or blood products);
   and
- food-borne (spread by contaminated food/water).

It is difficult to forecast the spread and impact of a new flu strain or disease until it starts circulating. However, consequences may include:

- for pandemic flu:
  - up to 50% of the UK population experiencing symptoms, potentially leading to between 20,000 and 750,000 fatalities and high levels of absence from work.
- for emerging infectious diseases:
  - several thousand people experiencing symptoms, potentially leading to up to 100 fatalities.
- disruption to essential services, particularly health and education; and
- economic disruption, including disruption to business and tourism.

#### Has this happened before?

Yes. The most recent pandemic flu outbreak was an H1N1 strain ('Swine flu') in 2009 which caused at least 18,500 deaths worldwide. In 1918 another variant of the same H1N1 strain ('Spanish flu') killed over 50 million people globally. However, other flu strains exist with pandemic potential, such as H5N1 ('avian or bird flu'). This strain caused several hundred human deaths in South East Asia in 1996.





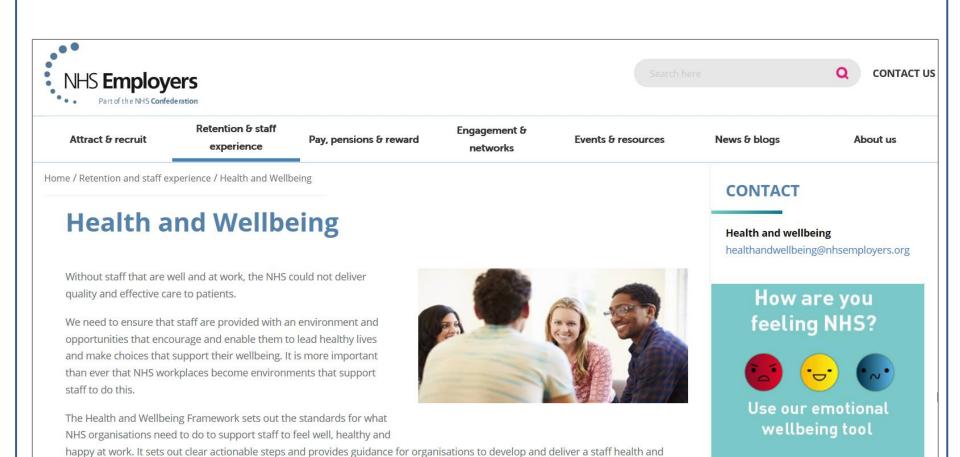






wellbeing plan.

# **Health and Wellbeing (NHS) - extract 1**



https://www.nhsemployers.org/retentionand-staff-experience/health-and-wellbeing











# Health and Wellbeing (NHS) - extract 2

Click on thumbnail or title to go to specific webpage



# NHS Employers health and wellbeing network

Join our network to connect with your peers, share good practice, and learn from health and wellbeing experts.



# Developing your health and wellbeing strategy

All you need to know to begin your journey.

From the latest research and evidence to help you formulate a business case, to strategy development and engaging your board effectively.



#### Taking a targeted approach

This section includes information on preventative measures, including staff mental wellbeing, minimising stress, awareness of domestic violence issues, health and safety, making the most of occupational health services and partnership working.



#### Leadership and line management

Take a look at our new web sections on leadership and line management which are the cultural building blocks for improving staff health and wellbeing.



#### Understanding your data

Everything you need to know to keep health and wellbeing relevant. From using demographics, to evaluating your health and wellbeing interventions and including health and wellbeing in appraisals.



#### Action on sickness absence

Sickness absence giving you a headache? All you need to know to take a targeted and effective approach to reducing sickness absence.









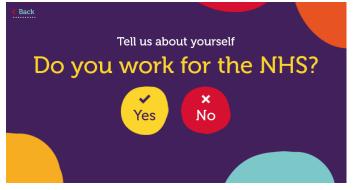




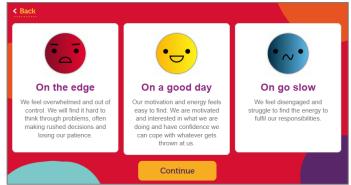
# Health and Wellbeing (NHS) - extract 3 Wellbeing Toolkit

https://www.nhsem ployers.org/howare youfeelingnhs























# Health and Wellbeing (NHS) - extract 4

### How are you behaving?

Some people find it easier to think about their behaviour at work rather than focusing on their emotions or physical symptoms.

These are some of the types of behaviours your colleagues see in each other when they are experiencing positive or negative emotional health.

Which behaviours do you recognise in yourself?

	Patient care	Interaction with patients	Interactions with colleagues	General performance
Behaviours associated with positive emotional health	find answers to problems adaptable/flexible – overcome barriers builds trust in patients by being confident and assured passionate, caring, empathetic, great at listening proactive and thorough	<ul> <li>warm and inviting</li> <li>positive and cheerful</li> <li>build rapport easily</li> <li>treat each patient as an individual</li> <li>demonstrate empathy</li> <li>motivate and empower patients' emotional control when delivering bad news</li> </ul>	encourage and motivate others     support colleagues who need it     share ideas and seek effective solutions     give and ask for feedback     impart knowledge and develop others     seem open to others     more likely to challenge bad practice	productive and efficient highly engaged and focused on the task at hand seek and act on feedback seek out opportunities to learn and develop open to changes
Behaviours associated with negative emotional health	rushed, with no time talking to patients     easily distracted     tentative     only do the minimum required     don't tend to patient worries/fears     let others' poor performance/behaviours go unchallenged	very brief interactions short/curt/rude/dismissive reduced eye contact task or procedure rather than patient focused appear disinterested and 'cold' or display too much emotion – get 'too attached'	short-tempered, rude, impatient     cause or carry on conflict     less supportive and tolerant of others     defensive in reaction to feedback, preference to work in isolation     inappropriate responses and poor communication	poor concentration and foci     disengaged, demotivated, lethargic     reduced productivity and efficiency     leave more work for others or     over-compensate and try to do too much

Displaying the behaviours associated with negative emotions suggests that your emotional health is affecting your energy levels, motivation and ultimately your effectiveness at work.

These resources can help you think this through and talk to others to get help and advice in thinking of ways you can change this.

- Have there been recent changes that could have made you feel more negative?
- What is in your power to influence your wellbeing?

Consider what might be the cause of these behaviours:

What can you do to have more good days?

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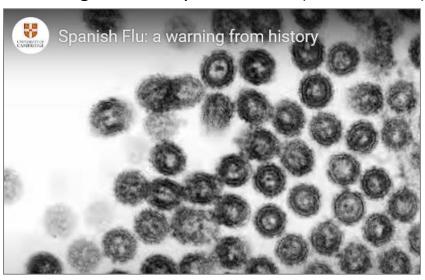




# Pandemic e.g. Coronavirus when rather then if

YouTube videos

Cambridge University – Nov 2018 (3.5M + views)



Bill Gates – April 2015 (25M + views)



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#### Birmingham Health, Safety & Environment Association

#### **March 2020**



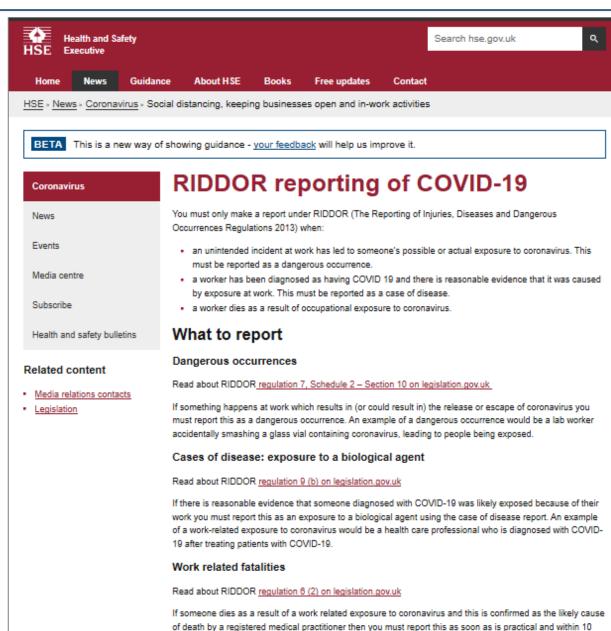






# Coronavirus RIDDOR reporting

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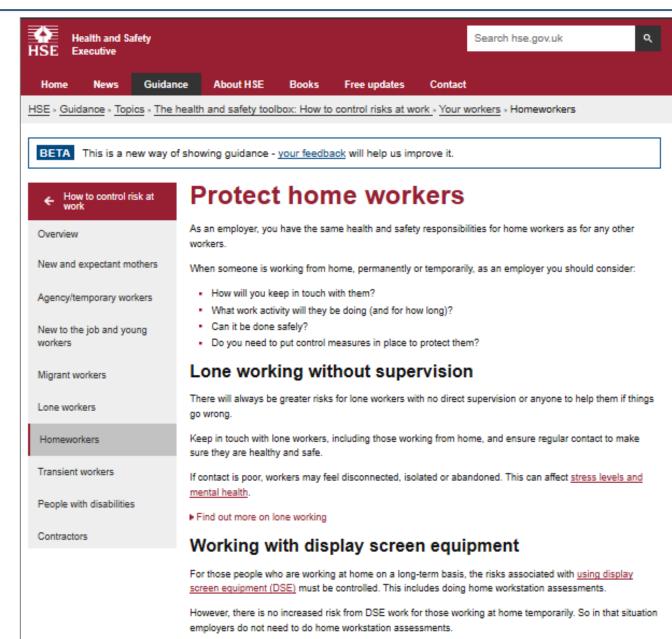






# Home working / Lone working

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# **Coronavirus:** HSE / TUC/ CBI Statement

https://press.hse.gov.uk/ 2020/04/03/coronavirusa-joint-statementbetween-hse-the-tucand-thecbi/?utm source=govdeli very&utm medium=emai 1&utm campaign=corona virus&utm term=presschannels-push-jointstatement-1&utm content=digest-8-apr-20



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### Coronavirus: A joint statement between HSE, the TUC and the CBI

3rd April 2020















This is an extremely worrying time for firms and workers. We know many workers, union reps and employers have questions and concerns about safe working – especially for those continuing to work away from home.

This joint statement between the Health and Safety Executive, the TUC and the CBI is intended to clarify the position. The health and safety of workers remains paramount. Employers are and must continue to provide workers with information about risks to their health and the actions their employers must take.

Social distancing is a key public health measure introduced by Public Health England to reduce the spread of infection. Most employers are going to great lengths to ensure social distancing wherever possible. The HSE, CBI and TUC wish to publicly support these efforts. Firms that can safely stay open and support livelihoods should not be forced to close by misunderstandings about government guidance.

But If it comes to the HSE's attention that employers are not complying with the relevant Public Health England guidance (including enabling social distancing where it is practical to do so), HSE will consider a range of actions ranging from providing specific advice to employers through to issuing enforcement notices, including prohibition notices.

Where a worker has a genuine concern about health and safety which cannot be resolved through speaking with their employer or trade union, they should contact the relevant enforcement agency – either their local authority, or the HSE through https://www.hse.gov.uk/contact/concerns.htm

For firms who are unsure about the guidance, please visit https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/social-distancingcoronavirus.htm

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# Government Support

https://content.govdelivery.co m/accounts/UKHSE/bulletins/2 857f59



Health and Safety Executive

#### COVID-19 - support for employers

HSE eBulletin service sent this bulletin at 09-04-2020 10:00 AM BST

Having trouble viewing this email? View the content as a web page



Health and Safety Executive HSE eBulletin

#### HSE eBulletin: COVID-19 support for employers

Please see below for information from the Government, on the support measures in place for employers to help with the impact of COVID-19.

#### COVID-19 - support for employers

The Government is supporting businesses and their employees through a package of measures during this period of unprecedented disruption.

You can get help to find the right support, advice and information to help with the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on your business.

The government has announced an extensive <u>package of financial measures</u>, including the Job Retention Scheme, a Statutory Sick Pay rebate package for small and medium-sized employers, and deferred VAT and Income Tax payments.

If you have fewer than 250 employees, you will be able to reclaim <u>Statutory Sick Pay</u> for employees unable to work because they are ill with coronavirus or have been advised to self-isolate. This refund will be for up to 2 weeks per employee.

If you employ people, you are urged to use your discretion about what evidence, if any, you ask for when making decisions about sick pay. If evidence is required, employees can get an Isolation Note from <a href="NHS">NHS</a>
111 online if they have symptoms, or if they live with someone that has symptoms.

Find out about other government support for businesses affected by coronavirus.

For those businesses that find themselves needing to increase their workforce as a result of the outbreak, such as those in social care, food logistics, preparation and retail, remember to post vacancies on <u>Find a Job</u>.

Please keep up-to-date with and follow the government's coronavirus quidance.











# Society of Occupational Medicine April 2020 (Nick Pahl)

# Health, Welfare and Wellbeing in Practice during the Covid-19 pandemic

Our lives have seen massive change, with new uncertainty and challenges. We have missed people and our attention has wandered. There is stress and pressure from the fear of infection and feeling isolated, along with concerns about job or income loss. The crisis has demanded new ways of working and routines.

Weirdly, it can be a time for us all to find positives – if you are an employer have you been honestly treating mental health as equality important to physical health for your employees? As a leader, employee or a health and safety professional – have you been able to demonstrate your role and reached out to help others?

Businesses have a responsibility to support health and wellbeing. They must think about mitigating the risks to employee mental health. Support for managers is required so that managers have the confidence to have discussions around health and safety, mental health and signpost staff to expert sources of help. It is really important that managers are regularly checking in with their team. Health and safety carries on no matter where staff are based and whatever is occurring Covid wise. SOM has recently produced regular blogs on topics such as working from home during challenging times and technology and COVID-19.

# Goal zero for work place fatalities in health and social care due to Covid-19

SOM is joining forces with the BMA, the Doctors Association and many other organisations stating that work-related fatalities due to Covid-19 exposure is not a given. The UK should have aimed for a target of Zero Work Caused Fatalities in this pandemic both within the NHS, essential services and UK business.

The need to protect our workers has never been greater. With proper application of safe systems of work and PPE, no worker should die of work-acquired COVID-19. SOM is campaigning alongside many other organisations to raise awareness of the risks facing healthcare and other workers in the UK and globally – to help protect employees and demonstrate good practice. Protecting the workforce is at the core role of Occupational Health.

Link to website - the articles in full









## **Revised Programme**

Monday 30 April

Sean Elson, Pinsent Masons 1.30 - 2.30pm (approx)

Monday 11 May

Information, Instruction and Training - Webinar
Human Focus, Ian Pemberton, Human Focus
1.30 - 2.15pm (approx)

Monday 8 June

Legal Update and Refresher - Webinar
Louise Mansfield, Pinsent Masons
1.30 - 2.15pm (approx)

**NOTE:** 

Reminder and joining instructions will be sent out well before.

Newsletter, presentation slides etc will follow on the BHSEA website.

14 Sep: Machinery and Work Equipment Safety
- Anthony Bowmer, EEF

12 Oct: Construction Matters

09 Nov: Environment Update and Refresher

14 Dec: Members Challenges and Achievements – What, why and how

Depending on the circumstances, normal services may be resumed after the BHSEA summer break.









# British Safety Council Free courses

https://www.britsafe.org/about-us/coronavirusresource-

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The coronavirus pandemic is changing our world every day and this means new challenges for your business and people. More than ever, we're committed to our vision that no-one should be injured or made ill through their work, which is why we're giving away free online courses and resources to help support you and your people.

#### New free courses

We've added two more courses to our suite of free resources to help employees cope with the current situation, reduc

#### **Managing Mental Health**

This short course gives managers the skills and confidence to listen to and talk with someone who feels that they need to share a problem regarding their mental health.

#### Stress Awareness

This practical online course will help employees identify, manage and reduce their ow stress. It will also make them aware of the consequences of not doing so.

Keep checking our resources page, we'll be adding updated material, webinars and much more over the next few weeks.

Access your free courses











#### By sharing something for the benefit of others including:

- Photos good / not so good
- Tools & Techniques
- Forms
- Example procedures



### By providing training / training material / information including:

- Your logo and business / contact details to go on the BHSEA website\*
- Training sessions, free and / or at a discount for BHSEA members
- Toolbox talks (an actual presentation or making material available)
- PowerPoint presentations / training aids
  - \* This should be of interest to HS&E consultants, trainers and training providers