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Re: Radiation Protection Arrangements

Dear Colleague,

Schools which hold ionising radiation sources as part of their science curriculum resources are required under regulation 17(4) of the Ionising Radiation Regulations 1999 (IRR99) to appoint a Radiation Protection Supervisor.

The Role of the local Radiation Protection Supervisor appointed by the school

The Radiation Protection Supervisor has a crucial role to play in helping to ensure compliance with the arrangements made by the radiation employer under IRR99 and, in particular, supervising the arrangements set out in local rules. The legal responsibility for supervision, however remains with the radiation employer.

The Role of the Radiation Protection Officer appointed by the employer

Local Radiation Protection Supervisors are supported and monitored by an employer appointed Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) who will answer standard questions, undertake routine monitoring and ensure the premises are registered with the relevant body. The RPO also liaises with an appointed specialist known as a Radiation Protection Adviser (RPA) for more complex queries. The specialist RPA for North Yorkshire County Council is usually CLEAPPS.

Change of Radiation Protection Officer

With effect from the date of this letter the Radiation Protection Officer role is being transferred from the School Improvement Service to the Health and Safety Service.

Your named Radiation Protection Officer is now

Dale Barton, Head of Service, HandS dale.barton@northyorks.gov.uk

Action to be taken by North Yorkshire maintained secondary schools

Please email Dale Barton by 30th November 2019 with the name and contact details of your appointed RPS so that he or a colleague can make contact, or if your school does not hold any ionising radiation sources please email with a nil return.

Arrangements from 1st April 2020

Until 31st March 2020 for all schools where North Yorkshire County Council is the employer the Health and Safety Service will continue to provide an RPO service within the current arrangements. From the 1st April 2020 the Health and Safety Service will be required to charge schools for this service as there is no provision in the de-delegated budget for this service. Schools will be required to engage an RPO in accordance with Section 29(5) of the Education Act 2002.

If you have any queries about this then please contact either Dale Barton, or Principal Adviser (Support) Adrian Clarke on adrian.clarke@northyorks.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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