

BANGOR UNIVERSITY
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 4th February 2015

Present:

reassessed and found to be within acceptable limits. To ensure continued confidence in the mitigation measures an additional survey is now underway, using 3-monthly radon monitors. The results from this exercise are expected in March 2015.

A programme to re-survey all occupied buildings will be undertaken in due course.

- ii. *Use of X-Rays in Radiography Wrexham in School of Healthcare Sciences:* The Radiation Protection Officer is to contact the School Manager with regards to obtaining information on the operator dosimetry and the ethical approval process used when x-raying participants.
- iii. *³²P Dosimetry Badges:* Three badges have shown a false positive reading. The supplier has been asked to investigate. An alternative supplier will be sought if their response is unacceptable.
- iv. *Radiation Protection Advisor (RPA) Visit:* The RPA saw significant improvements over an earlier visit. It was also noted that Natural Resources Wales inspection was due on 10th February to assess the security arrangements for the University's one high activity sealed radioactive source.
- v. *Isotope Database:* It has been recommended that a bespoke database is developed to record local stock and sample records. The existing Isotope Database will continue to be used for training records and as an overarching record of University radiation stocks.

456. CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee met on the 26th January 2015 and the following key items were noted:

- i. *Anti-Venom:* Due to the increase in number and type of venomous snakes held by the University the Biological Safety Officer has written to the local A&E Consultant to ensure they are aware of the nature of the possible snake venom (both cytotoxic and neurotoxic) exposure.
- ii. *New Explosive Regulations:* New Explosive Regulations have been introduced with the key change affecting the University relating to the need to licence certain de-sensitised explosives and their users.
- iii. *Accidents and Incidents 2014:*
 - a. The number of eye exposure/contact incidents decreased notably in 2014.
 - b. One near-miss incident during the year related to the failure of a high speed centrifuge during a cycle. Although it has not been possible to identify the exact cause of the failure, subsequent action has included the introduction of a comprehensive training programme. An inspection of all relevant centrifuges has . ANew Expw Expw Expa.

- vii. *Chemical Safety Audit*: It was noted that further consideration is required to ascertain the best way to facilitate an audit of chemical use in research activities.
ACTION: GWJ

457. REPORT FROM THE SAFETY EXECUTIVE TASK GROUP

A Paper was tabled and verbal report presented, with the following key items noted:

- i. *H&S on the University Estate*: Discussions have taken place with regards to seeking reassurance on how the University meets its legal obligations on major building projects and the impact of budget cuts on estate related work. Assurance has been provided that statutory obligations are met, with other work undertaken as part of a dynamic arrangement which is reviewed regularly.
- ii. *Offensive Weapons*: A Paper has been considered on how the University should govern and deal with offensive weapons on its residential estate. Halls Regulations will now be amended and clearer procedures have been issued to Security staff when handling imitation or suspected weapons.
- iii. *Electrical Safety Report 1 Portable Electrical Equipment*: A draft report on how effectively the University is managing its obligations for the periodic inspection and testing of portable electrical equipment has been considered. This will be brought before the May Health and Safety Committee.

458. POLICY REVISION - FIELDWORK

A summary of the Fieldwork Policy Standard, which captures the key principles of the UCEA Guidance on Health and Safety in Fieldwork and British Standard BS8848, was given. It was noted the Policy will be supported by a number of Handbooks (Social and Community Based Field Research, F5IP2tn15.96 Tf1 0 0 1 59.28 361.37m()TJETt