

Meeting	Regulatory Coordination Cell meeting	
Date	05/05/2020, 16:30	
Chair	Will Creswell	
Attendees	OPSS: [NR] Duncan Johnson, [NR] HSE: Rick Brunt HSE NI: [NR] MHRA: [NR]	
Notes	<p>Safety standards in the workplace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As pushed by Keir Starmer today. HSE has not yet been cited on workplace PPE for C-19, such as RPE required for close working. HSE NI reviewed 6 documents at the weekend. This expanded on existing material but was "awaiting advice" for PPE. HSE NI made comments to help clarify, but are concerned about the lack of material and guidance for risk assessments. OPSS has not been directly involved but has seen the documents. Ernst and Young are working on behalf of the CO and BEIS. BSI have also had input. MHRA: no involvement. Happy to support if helpful. <p>Public face coverings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSE holding the position that these are not PPE, and MHRA confirming that these do not meet the definition of a medical device. There are significant issues around public transport capacity, schools etc. If face coverings are acceptable for the public, are they okay for the workplace? HSE has been talking to Neil Johnson (Sarah Munby) about face coverings in workplace. Neil is aiming for a final guidance document 5pm today, to take to SoS to publish on Sunday. This is running in parallel with the Coleen Andrews workstream producing 20 million single use face coverings. OPSS have been looking at the technical perspective for guidance and labelling. [NR] Will to ensure [NR] is linked into Neil Johnson's work. <p>DMC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [NR] is now attending the DMC: Apparent disconnect between Lord Deighton and HSE on pre-approved designs and specifications. HSE met with LD last week to cover these issues, highlighting the testing required after manufacture and continued QA processes. There is mounting pressure to approve specifications and designs for gowns and other products. Outstanding question of PPE face shields and visors category: shields are generally Category 2 PPE but currently being placed on the market as Category 3 when being used for C-19. UK NBs are clear that they are not Cat.3 as they require accompanying PPE to protect against splash and to be airtight. EU member states are clear that they are Cat.3 as they are needed for C-19. Regulators could potentially support the visors being Cat.3, if issued with guidance to outline the requirement for accompanying PPE. This would require PHE and NHS involvement to ensure clear guidance goes to frontline workers. Otherwise, Cat.2 guidance lies with HSE and OPSS. [NR] to link [NR] to discuss visor categories. <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31: Rick to see what the HSE tech team expect to see as part of a submission to the CO portal. 	