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Case Study

North Somerset Council



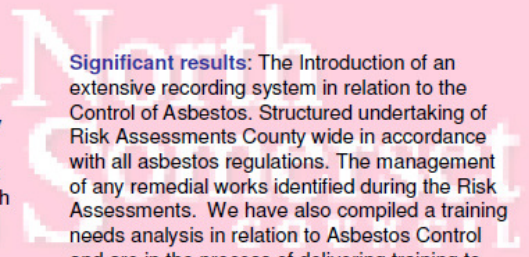
Overview: OHS were selected after a very rigorous European tender procedure by North Somerset Council, who according to an assessment by leading auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) are the top performing unitary council in the country, to work in close partnership with their own Property and Health & Safety teams in relation to the Control of Asbestos Management. Objectivity, expertise and a practical approach to achieving compliance were key requirements in their search for a leading independent consultancy. OHS fulfilled all the criteria and provided added value including a twenty four hour fully supportive helpline. The procurement strategy required a quality price tender which was heavily weighted in favour of quality. OHS scored the highest overall score and as well as being the highest quality score, were also highly scored in terms of value for money.

Sector: Public Services and Education.

Location: North Somerset Region HQ Weston Super Mare sites throughout the county.

Project duration: Initial Four Year Contract.

The OHS Role: We formulated a detailed Asbestos Policy and Management Plan which we are assisting the in-house team to monitor, develop and manage. We reviewed the Client's procedures in relation to the control of Asbestos in all of their premises. This service has initially concentrated on Schools and educational premises as priority, then leading on to all public buildings within the Councils remit. Providing expert and practical advice was required to assist in achieving Compliance. OHS are undertaking a series of Risk Assessments in accordance with HSE and Asbestos Regulatory Body demands. This falls in line with North Somerset Councils own Risk Management Strategy 2009-11 that is outlined on the Council website and aims to improve integration of risk management into the culture and working practices of the Council and its partnerships and improve the effectiveness of existing risk management arrangements. OHS have advised on an action plan and the implementation and management of any remedial works identified. We are assisting with the development of a monitoring strategy, in order to measure the continued performance of the systems in place and define any improvements that are needed as well as methodologies and timescales for completion. Consultative advice includes reviewing all systems and services across all sites. This process is continually reviewed for maximum compliance. On going training will be given to all site managers, Head teachers and appropriate staff. Survey data will be available via the Tracker Database marking and detailing all results of inspections and this is constantly monitored and updated as required.



Significant results: The Introduction of an extensive recording system in relation to the Control of Asbestos. Structured undertaking of Risk Assessments County wide in accordance with all asbestos regulations. The management of any remedial works identified during the Risk Assessments. We have also compiled a training needs analysis in relation to Asbestos Control and are in the process of delivering training to support this at a variety of levels within the organisation. North Somerset Council and OHS working in Partnership to bring best practice health safety and environmental management to the county will co-sign a Partnering Charter outlining this commitment.

