

Employment Medical Advisory Service

The services provided by the Employment Medical Advisory Service (EMAS) are delivered by HSENI through the provision of occupational health advice, which means advice on health matters relating to work, to organisations and individuals including employers, employees, trade unions, regulators, health care professionals and others.

HSENI in delivering its Employment Medical Advisory Service:

- provides information on occupational health;
- gives advice to employers, employees and trade unions both on request and as part of workplace visits;
- provides advice to doctors and nurses, including general practitioners and occupational health providers;
- investigates complaints and concerns of ill health raised by employers, employees, trade unions, members of the public and other health care professionals;
- investigates reports of diseases received from employers under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 (RIDDOR); and
- facilitates the appointment and approval of doctors under statutory requirements.

How HSENI can help you

If you are an employer HSENI can provide advice on how to manage health within your organisation. In the area of workplace risks to health it provides advice on risk assessments, control measures and health surveillance.

If you are an employee and think a health problem may be work-related you should tell your employer or the company's safety officer, nurse or doctor. You may also obtain help from your trade union or employee representative or family doctor. If these fail you can contact HSENI or the environmental health officer at your local district council.

Health professionals who have concerns about workplace risks to health or fitness for work may also seek advice.

HSENI does not:

- provide medical treatment, but can advise family doctors and hospital staff on work-related health problems;
- provide an occupational health service for organisations. Information on availability of local occupational health services can be found online or in local telephone directories under health and safety consultants;
- advise on nuisance problems arising from work activities. These are dealt with by district council environmental health departments;
- provide rehabilitation for people with disabilities; nor
- conduct most statutory medical examinations. These are done by doctors appointed by HSENI under relevant regulations.

For advice on occupational health please contact:

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Complaints

If you are dissatisfied with our services please contact us and we will forward you information on the complaints procedure.