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New Legislation on MSDs possible



Whilst difficult to find on their website, the HSE have been involved with consultations and technical discussion with the European Commission regarding the need for specific legislation to cover all MSDs.

Ideas being considered include: New Legislation and guidance that could replace the Manual

Handling, DSE and Hand Arm Vibration regulations.

The EC have involved a number of its member states in the discussions which, like most things in Europe, have been drawn out by the differences between advice, methods and language barriers of the countries involved.

The next stages of the process are concerned with getting consensus as to the most viable roll out options for the member states.

There is not yet enough information passed to the HSE (as only one advisory body to the EC) to properly recognise the implications of this process but we can be sure that any outcomes will have a significant effect on the business of Ergonomists involved in the physical and legislative aspects of their customers' business.

Keep checking the HSE website for more updates when they are available.

'Ergonomics Consortium Member on Local Radio'

Consortium member Rosemary Quinn, Principle consultant for [Rose White Services Ltd.](#), was on the radio with Tony Snell of City Talk and Radio Merseyside.

As well as ergonomics, Rosemary also does work as an expert witness and it was this topic she was discussing on the programme. She made useful points about how Occupational Health

within companies may need recourse to the courts and how an expert witness may get involved.

The segment is no longer available on the BBC iplayer but do contact Rosemary through the [Ergonomics Consortium website](#) if you have any questions about this field or her experiences as an expert witness.

The training to become an

expert witness is quite involved but some experienced professionals find it a rewarding string to their bow. There are registers for expert witnesses, organised by profession and the returns for your time and expenses can be very reasonable. It is rarely a guaranteed revenue stream but it can be a useful addition.

'Special Edition' due to special absence in June

Director of the Ergonomics Consortium, Nick Taylor will not be able to produce the June newsletter due to the fact he will be on his honeymoon! Nick is getting married to Dr. Claire Williams on the 29th May and will be away until the middle of June. After that

time the newsletter will return to its normal slot in the first week of each month.

Developments will continue during Nick's leave on the website SEO, on development of large commercial opportunities for the Consortium members

and production of marketing materials and campaign details to attract more useful suppliers, service providers and customers.

Keep letting us know what you think via the [website](#).

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