

### **Occupational Health on site**

Tina Rawcliffe of ABB explained the many benefits of proactive medical interventions which were included as contract requirements on a major project in the north of Scotland.

As well as a range of health screening checks following on from site induction, there were random drug and alcohol tests, mock accident first aid scenarios, toolbox talks and training including mental health and lifestyle issues.

### **CITB Update**

Alan Duffus, CITB Adviser gave news of the next round of flexible funding for skills and training. Then Liz McIntyre, Shared Apprenticeship Co-ordinator, promoted that scheme for groups of construction employers.

Further information on webpage  
[www.hctg.net/highlands-islands-safety-forum/](http://www.hctg.net/highlands-islands-safety-forum/)

Updates included here are from the 16th January meeting of the forum, which was sponsored by the Highland Construction Training Group (HCTG).

**The forum welcomes feedback on meetings and venues, together with new ideas for topics and speakers, and offers to share best practice.**

### **HSE Update**

*Liz Hunter HSE inspector spoke about investigation processes, with examples of 2 successful prosecutions following fatalities in Glasgow and in Highlands.*

Presentation available on webpage  
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### **Other items**

Neil Wallace reported from Site Safe Scotland, where enforcement actions from the refurbishment initiative were emphasised by a speaker walking with crutches, who had fallen from a roof.

**A Construction Health Risk Toolkit (CHeRT) review was available for small firms, carried out by HSE Visiting Officers in their role of providing advice and education (not by HSE Inspectors). Volunteers invited to come forward for this review, which takes about 2 hours.**

CIHT invited anyone interested to book places on a follow-up site visit to the £22.5M Inverness West Link project, to view erection of steel superstructure of the new bridge over River Ness on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March (revised date) – see presentation and visit details on webpage  
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**PROVISIONAL DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 2017, TBC**  
Includes Sharing Good Practice items and latest updates from HSE

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