

London Councils Health and Safety Network  
The Local Government Association  
A selection of contemporary issues

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# The value of a Network Group

- Open and honest discussion between peers
- Giving recognised structure to approach
  - Collective thinking
  - Communication

# Four contemporary health and safety topics identified by our Group

- Managing occupational violence in London local government
  - Suicide prevention
  - Installing defibrillators in public spaces
    - Promoting personal well-being

# Managing at work violence and aggression

- Designing and implementing a policy that everyone will read
  - A senior level understanding in your organisation
- Development and dissemination of your risk assessment
- Reporting incidents and what happens to each report
  - Staff inclusion and representation
    - What others are doing
  - Organisational accreditation

# Suicide prevention

- Recognising the risk
- The responsibilities of London Councils
  - Emotional well-being at work
  - An example of influencing change

# Installing defibrillators

- Recognising pressures on the NHS
- Working with the London Ambulance Service
- Making the devices available to members of the public as well as staff
  - Managing and maintaining
  - Responsibility for the asset inventory

# Promoting well-being in the context of managing health and safety

- Not necessarily seen as a health and safety function
  - Sharing ideas in the context of a peer Group
- The opportunity to hear from external speakers
  - Reviewing what works
  - Tailoring ideas to the individual organisation
- Playing a part in the succession planning for well-being
  - A cost worth accepting

# Future plans

- The Group is a successful meeting place
- Developing how we talk to each other outside our regular meetings
- Engaging with other London health and safety organisations
  - Site visits
- The role of the Group in the national context

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