



**Bolsover District Council**

**Meeting of the Safety Committee on 05.12.24**

**Quarter 2 Health & Safety Update: 01.07.24 – 30.09.24**

<b>Classification</b>	This report is Public
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**PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT**

To provide an overview of the Authority's overall Health & Safety performance as indicated by:

- Accident statistics, trends and lost time.
- Training numbers including any reports of non-attendance and associated costs.
- Providing an overview of progress against the workplace inspection programme.

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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 To confirm how Bolsover District Council is performing from a Health and Safety perspective. Good Health and Safety performance is indicative of good management control and vice versa.

**2. Details of Proposal or Information**

**2.1 Accident Statistics by Quarter:**

The total number of employee accidents in Quarter 2 is 14 (excluding Dragonfly Developments Ltd). This compares to 11 accidents occurring during Quarter 2 of 2023 – 2024. This Quarter's employee accidents occurred in the following service areas:

- Streetscene – 12
- Property Services – 1

- Customer Services - 1

The following types of incident were involved:

- Struck by a moving object – 2
- Manual handling – 3
- Slips/trips/falls – 4
- Cuts and abrasions – 1
- Violence and aggression - 1
- Struct by a fixed object – 1
- Burn - 1
- Other - 1

3 of these accidents were RIDDOR reportable as they resulted lost time over 7 days.

The number of near misses reported during this Quarter was: 2

**05.09.24 - StreetScene**

Near Miss – No Injury - Riverside Depot

IP was emptying a bin, he stepped into a divot on the grass and fell backwards.

**05.07.24 - Property Services**

Near Miss – No Injury – The Arc

Two suspicious packages arrived.

The number of employee hazards reported during this quarter was: 0:

<b>Date of Incident</b>	<b>Service Area + Location</b>	<b>Type of Incident</b>	<b>Incident Severity</b>	<b>RIDDOR Reportable</b>	<b>Incident Details</b>	<b>Lost Time Days (Actual)</b>
02/07/2024	StreetScene Riverside Depot	Burn	Minor Injury - No Lost Days	No	IP caught his left arm on an exhaust pipe.	0
17/07/2024	StreetScene Riverside Depot	Manual Handling	Lost Time - Up to 7 days	No	IP was emptying a litter bin, lifted bag to put into back of vehicle. Twisted and felt pain in left knee.	1
17/07/2024	StreetScene Riverside Depot	Slips, Trips, falls on same level.	Lost Time - Over 7 Days	Yes RIDDOR submitted 24.07.24	IP's foot went over on uneven piece of tarmac hurting ankle.	17.5

20/07/2024	StreetScene Riverside Depot	Other	Minor Injury - No Lost Days	No	IP was litter picking the verges and discovered insect bites to legs, blister and swelling experienced.	0
21/06/2024 Reported late 30/07/2024	StreetScene Riverside Depot	Slips, trips and Falls on same level	Lost Time - Over 7 Days	Yes RIDDOR submitted 31.07.24 - Late due to late reporting	IP strimming a garden and stepped backwards, tripped over raised bed edging, stumbled, went over on ankle, and felt pain in right foot.	35
14/08/2024	Streetscene Riverside Depot	Slips, trips and falls on same level	Lost Time - Up to 7 days	No	IP was cutting grass in assisted garden properties. Stumbled on uneven ground due to previous medical issue.	9
19/08/2024	StreetScene Riverside Depot	Struck by moving object	Minor Injury - No Lost Days	No	IP was strimming and a stone flicked up from the grass, hit him on his nose.	0
02/09/2024	Customer Service (Bolsover Contact Centre)	Violence and aggression	Minor Injury - No Lost Days	No	Locking up building, a group of children kept pressing the disabled door button to prevent it from closing, then sprayed aerosol into IP's face.	0
04/09/2024	StreetScene Riverside Depot	Struck by moving object	Lost Time - Up to 7 days	No	Protruding mud guard on refuse collection vehicle struck burgundy bin which then struck IP.	6
05/09/2024	StreetScene Riverside Depot	Striking against a fixed object	Minor Injury - No Lost Days	No	IP caught shin on piece of equipment	0
05/09/2024	StreetScene Riverside Depot	Slips, trips and Falls on same level	Minor Injury - No Lost Days	No	IP proceeding to empty a dog bin, stepped into a divot on the grass adjacent and fell backwards.	0
05/09/2024	Property services	Cuts and Abrasions	Minor Injury - No Lost Days	No	IP cut their eye due to lid bin flying into their face.	0
11/09/2024	Streetscene Riverside Depot	Manual Handling	Minor Injury - No Lost Days	No	IP was emptying a bin when they felt a twinge in their back when lifting.	0

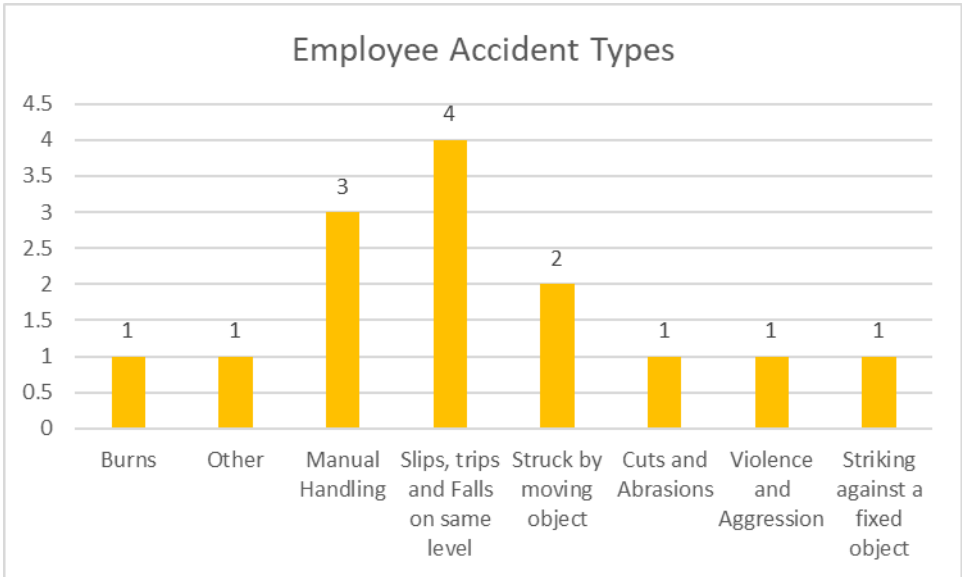
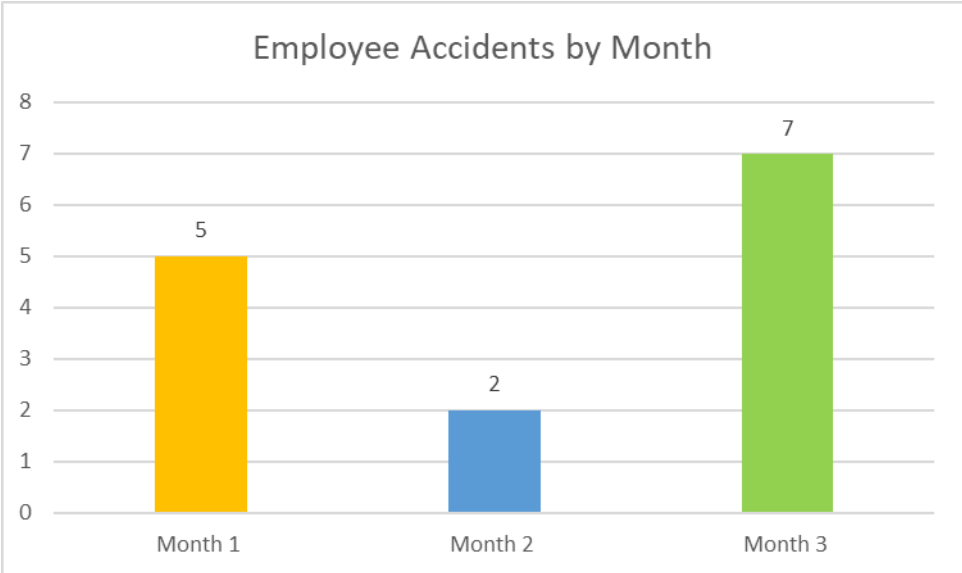
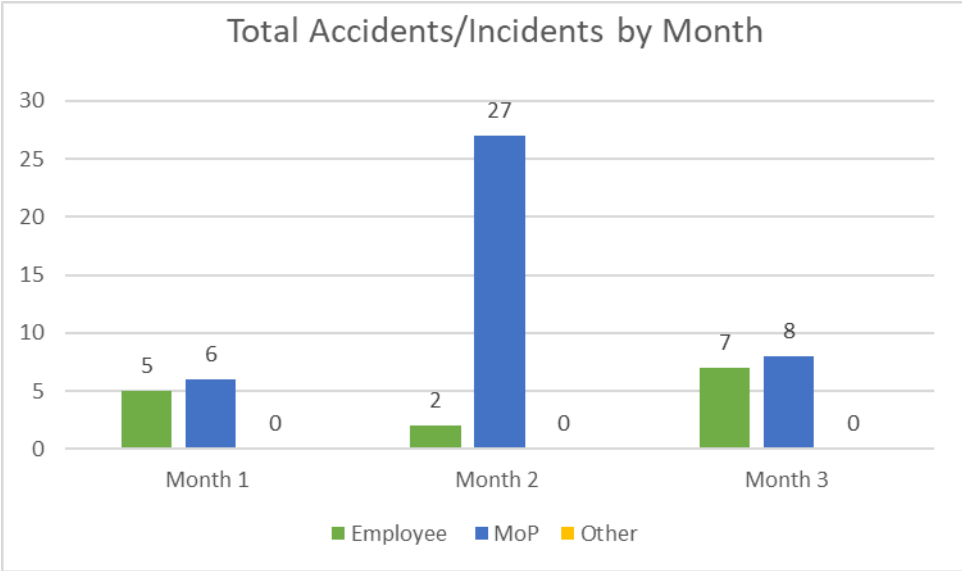
19/09/2024	Streetscene Riverside Depot	Manual Handling	Lost Time - Over 7 days	Yes RIDDOR submitted 03.10.24 - Late report due to awaiting information from Service Manager	IP was fetching a bin and felt a shooting pain down their back and legs.	<b>13</b>
<b>Total Lost Days = 81.5</b>						

2.2 The total number of accidents reported by Members of the Public was 41 and none of these were serious enough to be RIDDOR reportable. Although all these incidents occurred across Leisure Services, it should be remembered that the average quarterly footfall in Go!Active is 85,958 people.

2.3 There were 0 near misses and 4 accidents reported by Dragonfly Development Ltd during Quarter 2.

Date of Incident	Service Area + Location	Type of Incident	Incident Severity	RIDDOR Reportable	Incident Details	Lost Time Days (Actual)
30/07/2024	Dragonfly Construction	Dangerous Occurrence	Reportable Dangerous Occurrence	Yes	Gas service strike (25mm) when foundation digging.	0
21/08/2024	Dragonfly Construction	Dangerous Occurrence	Reportable Dangerous Occurrence	Yes	Electric cable struck outside of Woburn Close site entrance buried in verge.	0
21/08/2024	Dragonfly Construction	Dangerous Occurrence	Reportable Dangerous Occurrence	Yes	National Grid reported that the electrical cables haven't being protected correctly.	0
25/09/2024	Dragonfly Development	Violence and Aggression	Minor Injury - No Lost Days	No	IP received a dog bite on their leg.	0

2.4 Graphs showing the number of monthly accidents / incidents for employees, employee and member of the public accidents numbers by month and incident types for employees are shown below:



### **3.0 Training**

3.1 During this Quarter, 22 BDC employees were trained as detailed below:

- Asbestos Category B – 3
- First Aid Refresher – 2
- Sharps Awareness - 17

3.2 There were 3 recharges made for unattended training places.

### **4.0 INSPECTIONS:**

4.1 7 formal BDC inspections occurred. These were undertaken by a member of the Health & Safety Team, Facilities Management Team, a building representative and a Trade Union Representative (when available) – and occurred at:

- Pleasley Vale Mill 2 & The Dye House (biannual)
- Pleasley Vale Mill 3 (biannual)
- Shirebrook Contact Centre (annual)
- South Normanton Contact Centre (annual)
- Pleasley Archives (annual)
- The Tangent (biannual)
- Castle Leisure Park (annual)

Additionally, regular joint informal walk-arounds of The Arc and Riverside Depot continue, between Health and Safety and Facilities Management.

4.2 7 Dragonfly Development Ltd. formal inspections occurred at:

- Woburn new build project – 2 visits
- Crematorium Site – 3 visits
- Woodlands remediation works – 1 visit
- Jubilee Court – 1 visit

### **5.0 Reasons for Recommendation**

5.1 The Health & Safety Manager asks the committee to consider the report as a reflection on the corporate commitment to and continued awareness of the importance of good Health & Safety performance.

### **6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 6.1 In view of the proposed recommendations, Committee members not providing a steer on this matter would be an alternative option but is not considered a reasonable approach.

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### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That Safety Committee members note the Health and Safety updates and provide any appropriate advice to officers on this work stream.
2. That Safety Committee members be assured that good Health and Safety management remains a key performance priority for Bolsover District Council.

#### **IMPLICATIONS:**

**Finance and Risk:**            Yes             No

**Details:** Poor performance can lead to compensation claims, increasing the cost of insurance.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

**Legal (including Data Protection):**            Yes             No

**Details:** Good performance is an indicator of compliance with Health and Safety legislation.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Staffing:**            Yes             No

**Details:** Accidents resulting in injury can impact on staffing levels and costs attributed to manager time, sickness absence and replacement labour

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

## DECISION INFORMATION

<p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b>  A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p><b>Revenue - £75,000</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Capital - £150,000</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p><b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b>  <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	No

<p><b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b></p>	N/A
<p><b>Consultation:</b>  <b>Leader / Deputy Leader</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>SLT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Relevant Service Manager</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Members</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Public</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Details:   Trade Union Safety Representatives</p>

<p><b>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</b></p>

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title

<p><b>Background Papers</b></p>
<p><i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i></p>