



The NHS Northern  
ESTATES TRAINING ADVISORY GROUP

Present a one-day event on:

# **FIRE - A HOT TOPIC!**

to be held on

**FRIDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015**

at

THE PRESTON MARRIOTT HOTEL,  
Garstang Road, Broughton, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 5JB

***Estates and Facilities Alerts, impact to the NHS due to Fire Service Reconfiguration, plus the need to comply with Firecode, a Hot Topic indeed for all NHS Bodies***

Following the recent Estates and Facilities Alert DH/2014/003, 'reminder for the testing of fire and smoke dampers and ensuring the integrity of fire stopping' NHS Northern Estates TAG has developed this conference to cover what this means within our organisations. The alert has many actions associated with it for NHS Estates teams and the changes in this technology means we need to make ourselves aware of the correct installation, maintenance and testing of this equipment. The Fire Service has and is going through major changes, which may impact on the service provided to NHS premises. NHS Managers need to be aware of what implications this could have on the services they provide.

Firecode states we must have a Board Level Director Fire, a Fire Safety Manager, Fire Safety Advisor and an Authorising Engineer (Fire) along with associated deputies and Competent Persons. The management of Fire Safety is clearly accountable to the respective Organisation and the completion of Fire Risk Assessments, evacuation procedures and mandatory testing of systems is essential to ensure Enforcement Action is not taken against NHS Trusts.

The Conference will explore the legal requirements of this legislation, how to take actions to show compliance with the Department of Health Alert, plus what may be the next steps for the Fire Service. It will be a chance to hear from experts in the field of Fire Safety and an opportunity to ask questions and debate the above topic.

**THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO BOARD LEVEL DIRECTORS, THEIR DEPUTIES, ESTATES AND FACILITIES DIRECTORS/MANAGERS, ESTATES AND FIRE OFFICERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONNEL WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRE SAFETY WITHIN HEALTHCARE PREMISES.**

The cost of attending the conference is £125.00 per person OR £100.00 per person if two or more attend from the same Trust/Organisation. This includes attendance at the conference, course handouts, coffee/tea on arrival, mid morning coffee/tea and a 3-course lunch.

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### **PROGRAMME**

**8.45 am**

**Registration  
Coffee and Tea**

**9.15 am**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**Chairman – HARRY EVANS**  
(Chairman of the Estates TAG)  
Authorising Engineer Mechanical,  
Cofely GDF Suez

**9.30 am**

**FIRECODE 05-01 EXPLAINED**

**Presenter – COLIN NEWMAN**  
Director, Healthfire

**10.15 am**

**NHS RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Presenter – PETER ALDRIDGE**  
General Secretary of NAHFO and Fire  
Safety Manager, The Leeds Teaching  
Hospitals NHS Trust

**11.00 am**

**Mid Morning Coffee and Tea**

**11.15 am**

**'FIRE STOPPING' APPLICATION**

**Presenter – ANDREW BELL**  
Director, 123 Fire

**12.00 noon**

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

**12.15 pm**

**3-COURSE BUFFET LUNCH served in  
the Restaurant**

**1.15 pm**

**A CHANGING FIRE AND RESCUE  
SERVICE**

**Presenter – GUY KEEN**  
Group Manager, Head of Community  
Fire Protection, Merseyside Fire and  
Rescue Service

**2.00 pm**

**FIRE DAMPERS AND FIRE  
STOPPING, MAYBE OUT OF SIGHT  
BUT SHOULDN'T BE OUT OF  
MIND!!**

**Presenter – JAMES LAVENDER**  
Principal Fire Engineer, Fire Safety  
Group, BRE Global Limited

**2.45 pm**

**A CASE STUDY**

**Presenter – JON HILL**  
Fire Safety Enforcement Officer,  
Prevention and Protection Directorate,  
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue  
Service

**3.30 pm**

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

**3.45pm**

**CLOSE OF CONFERENCE**

**SAFE JOURNEY HOME**

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### **ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**

**HARRY EVANS BSc (Hons), MRICS, MIHEEM, MB Eng**  
**Chairman of the Estates TAG and Authorising Engineer**  
**Mechanical, Cofely GDF Suez**

Harry is a chartered professional with over 30 years' experience incorporating the design and maintenance of commercial, industrial and healthcare premises. Harry started his NHS career in 2000 initially starting within the Capital Department of Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust, before taking on the role of Head of Operational Estates for Salford, a position Harry held for over 12 years. Harry has recently been appointed as Mechanical AE for Cofely GDF Suez where he will continue to provide a service to the NHS mainly utilising his expertise in water quality. Harry started his early career as an electrician, before diversifying into building and engineering services. Over the years he has gained qualifications, expertise and experience of a wide range of building and engineering services.

**COLIN NEWMAN C. Eng, M.Sc. B.Eng (Hons), MIFireE**  
**Director, Healthfire**

Colin is an experienced Chartered Fire Engineer having worked in fire safety for more than 25 years both in the private and public sectors. He spent 10 years of his fire safety career at Gent before leading the fire safety team at NHS Estates where he had responsibility for Department of Health fire safety policy and the technical content of Firecode. In 2005 he founded Healthfire a fire consultancy specialising in fire safety in healthcare premises and currently acts as the Authorising Engineer (Fire) for a number of NHS trusts. He is the author of many parts of the Firecode suite of guidance documents including the HTM 05-01 Managing healthcare fire safety (second edition).

**PETER ALDRIDGE**  
**General Secretary of NAHFO and Fire Safety Manager,**  
**The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust**

Peter started his Fire Service career with the Royal Air Force Fire and Rescue Service, serving all over the world. Peter finished his career with the RAF Fire and Rescue Service in 2000 when he joined the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust as Fire Training Officer, taking over as Fire Safety Manager in 2008. As the Secretary of the National Association of Healthcare Fire Officers this gives an insight into national perspective with regards Fire Safety within healthcare across the UK. Peter has completed an MSc in Healthcare Governance at Loughborough University and has just started a

postgraduate certificate in NHS Management and Leadership at Loughborough University.

**ANDREW BELL**  
**Director, 123 Fire**

Andrew is an experienced fire industry professional with twenty years of experience in various sectors of the passive fire protection industry. After starting his career in composites research at Courtaulds Aerospace Research, Andrew took the position of Technical Development Manager at Nullfire Ltd an industry leading manufacturer in the development of passive fire protection solutions to industry. Andrew later worked as a fire protection engineer at Hilti GB Ltd before entering direct contracting in the fire protection sector specialising in the provision of passive fire solutions to the new build and existing client sectors. Andrew is qualified to degree level in Chemistry, has completed a number of post graduate studies and holds an MBA in business; he is a qualified fire risk assessor and holds the FDIS qualification in fire door inspection. Andrew's company 123Fire is accredited with BRE and FIRAS third party certification schemes and Andrew has been involved with many NHS properties both new build and existing and has over the past few years developed a comprehensive system of Passive Fire Protection (PFP) traceability and recording.

**GUY KEEN MA, FfireE**  
**Group Manager, Head of Community Fire Protection,**  
**Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service**

Guy is a senior fire officer with 23 years fire and rescue incident command and management experience with Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service (MFRS). During this time he has been fortunate to have held a wide variety of specialist positions ranging from training, to project management, to fire safety. Guy has also had substantial roles on projects including a subject matter expert on Fire Safety for the ODPM Fire Gateway project, represented the NW Fire and Rescue Services at the Government Office NW Regional Contest Forum and from 2006-08, was the Sporting Events Director for the World Firefighters Games held in Liverpool in 2008. In this time he has seen unprecedented change in the Fire & Rescue Service and has spent a significant proportion of his time leading and driving change initiatives. In 2011 Guy took up his current role as Head of Community Fire Protection, the function responsible for fire safety legislation. During Guy's tenure in this role he has modernised and reshaped the function focusing on greater alignment to the wider Fire & Rescue Service with a priority on supporting firefighter safety. More recently he has set out a clear vision that maps out a 5 year plan for Community Fire Protection in MFRS, designed to better utilise technology, enhanced communication and stakeholder collaboration to ensure the continued effectiveness of the Service in light of significant budget challenges.

**JAMES LAVENDER**

**Principal Fire Engineer, Fire Safety Group, BRE Global Limited**

James Lavender is a principal fire engineer within the fire safety group at BRE, he has been working in the field of fire safety for over 17 years. During this time he has worked in many different areas of fire safety from conducting fire resistance and reaction to fire testing, undertaking unique HM Government sponsored research projects (such as the TF2000 fire tests), providing fire safety engineering and fire risk management advice for many different and unique buildings and structures, and worked on the development of HM Government research and guidance documents. James has a Master's degree in Building Services Engineering and is a Charter Engineer with the Institution of Fire Engineers.

**JON HILL**

**Fire Safety Enforcement Officer, Prevention and Protection Directorate, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service**

Jon joined Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service in 1989 serving in Manchester North Borough prior to being promoted into Fire Protection in 2005. Jon served four years in Fire Safety before joining the Operational Risk Control Team for one year, returning to operational duties in 2010. In 2013 he took up his current post as Fire Safety Enforcement Officer within Bury Borough.