

**Health and Safety Issues raised by the Federation and Trades Unions at the MPS Strategic Health and Safety Committee Meetings in 2007**

<b>ISSUE RAISED BY</b>	<b>RAISED WHEN?</b>	<b>ISSUE DETAILS</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
<b>Federation</b>	22.2.07	<b>Wider use of Taser within the MPS.</b> In response to an attempted stabbing of an officer where Taser was deployed, the Federation wished the Committee to endorse the concept for the wider use of Taser, where it was appropriate, to protect its officers.	The Committee supported the Federation view that there was opportunity to review the deployment of Taser. The Federation contributed to the debate on the wider roll out of Taser via firearms policy unit
<b>PCS Union</b>	24.5.07	<b>PPE for PCSOs.</b> A specific inquiry was made about a particular Borough's PCSOs PPE not being adequate for patrolling park areas.	Advice was given that this should in the first instance be dealt with locally as this only applied to one (B)OCU and the local risk assessments should detail the required PPE.
<b>PCS Union</b>	24.5.07	<b>Safer Neighbourhood ward units.</b> Some Safer Neighbourhoods Units still had unisex changing facilities. The Unions also felt that had been a lack of consultation over facilities at specific Safer Neighbourhood Units.	Property Services led joint working on this issue in consultation with both the Federation and Trades Unions. Protocols for consultation on this issue are in place. Agreed that this item should be closed
<b>PCS Union</b>	24.5.07	<b>Standard of accommodation at Tintagel House</b> The PCS Union raised concern at the general state of disrepair at Tintagel House.	Property Services stated that standards at Tintagel House met legal requirements and any specific concerns should be raised with Property Services
<b>Federation</b>	24.5.07	<b>Wearing of MetVests in the summer</b> The Federation raised concerns that it believed some (B)OCUs allowed their officers to remove their MetVest in hot weather owing to concern of heat stress.	Guidance on managing heat stress in relation to the wearing of MetVest and high visibility protective jackets was produced. The Strategic Health and Safety Committee are reviewing the boarder policy for the wearing of MetVest in conjunction with CO11.

<b>Federation</b>	25.10.07	<b>Cell smoke detectors</b> The Federation raised concern regarding the testing of cell smoke detectors	The Strategic Committee were assured the appropriate protocols were in place and were reviewed by Property Services in conjunction with Operation Emerald. Further update is to be reported on this matter at the next Committee by the FM Dept Property Services.
<b>Federation</b>	25.10.07	<b>Property maintenance issues</b> The Federation raised concern over the amount of time it takes for repairs and maintenance to be carried out	Property Services confirmed that a new system for requesting and tracking repair/maintenance requests etc (MPIC) has been introduced and initial teething problems were now being overcome. Previous problems that had been experienced should now be resolved.
<b>Federation</b>	25.10.07	<b>Carriage gates at Palace of Westminster</b> The Federation raised concern regarding the manual handling hazard when the gates are being operated. A request was made to either restrict the gates use or to mechanise then to reduce the likelihood of injury to officers.	The Federation, CO7, Safety and Health Risk Management Team are working with the Palace of Westminster to address these concerns. This issue will be reported back to a future Strategic Health and Safety Committee.