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Achieving a new standard



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Hertsmere Borough Council's Engineering Services team is meeting the latest health and safety standards by achieving accreditation of the occupational health International Standard ISO 45001:2018.

The Engineering Services team already hold the OHSAS accreditation 18001:2008, as well as ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management System) and ISO 14001:2015 (Environmental Management system).

ISO 45001:2018 is an enhanced health and safety standard introduced to replace the existing 18001 and all organisations currently accredited with 18001 will have three years to migrate to the new standard.

The new standard will enable Engineering Services to proactively enhance its occupational health and safety performance by improving employee safety, reducing workplace risks and preventing injury and ill-health, which can result in losses from early retirements, staff absence and rising insurance premiums.

Councillor Seamus Quilty, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, said: "Our officers work to the latest standards within the engineering industry and continually work to improve their performance by ensuring a safe and healthy working environment throughout all our projects.

"This certification is a testament to their commitment to meet high standards in quality, health, safety and the environment through innovative policies, procedures and a robust and fully integrated management system."

The team were audited by BSI in November. Cllr Quilty added: "Not only did the team successfully achieve the transition to 45001:2018 but did so with no non-conformities, minor or otherwise being identified."

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