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Express Medicals achieves accreditation for construction industry

Express Medicals, has successfully achieved accreditation from Constructing Better Health (CBH), the not-for-profit national organisation committed to improving occupational health standards in the construction industry.

Express Medicals was quick to recognise the importance of the work carried out by CBH and its aims to implement the Fitness for Task Standards. Dr Dan Hegarty, managing director at Express Medicals, said: "We are delighted to be CBH-registered. The CBH standards are an excellent aid to employers who are trying to offer the best occupational health guidance to their employees. Express Medicals sees CBH as an opportunity to improve health standards within the construction sector and we are highly committed to recommending these standards to our client companies."

CBH acts as a conduit between those who work in construction and those providing occupational health services. Set up by key stakeholders across the industry, CBH provides a level playing field for all sectors within the construction industry, through the provision of national standards, a database and health card scheme, enabling employers to demonstrate at site level their commitment to ensuring the health of their workforce.

To achieve accreditation from CBH, Express Medicals has undergone a rigorous screening process to prove its commitment to delivering occupational health to the CBH published industry standards.

CBH provides organisations such as Express Medicals with a gateway to business and networking opportunities as well as access to advice, research and training. CBH is the first coordinated, national programme to address occupational health in the construction industry; and for the first time, there is now a set of industry standards and best practice that associated with the work-related health of workers and not just their safety.

Michelle Aldous, Chief Executive of CBH, said: "We are extremely pleased at this achievement for Express Medicals. CBH accreditation will give them the opportunity to fully engage with all sectors of the construction industry and help them to implement the industry standards and achieve our goal of improving the health of the construction industry workforce."

Occupational health service providers who meet the CBH registration criteria can be accessed directly by employers within the construction industry. In addition, a wide range of tools and resources are available.

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About CBH

On 1st August 2007, CBH became a not-for-profit organisation delivering the National Scheme for the management of occupational health in the construction industry, with the aim of improving the health of the industry workforce.

CBH focuses on six key areas:

- Setting industry standards for both work related health issues, and competency of occupational health provision.
- Establishing a national database of accredited occupational health service providers
- Building a construction specific knowledge portal
- Centralising the collection of work-related health data
- The transmission of fit for task data to enable employers to manage work related health risks at site level
- A referral route through to specialists in the field of return to work and rehabilitation

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