

Branch Briefing REVENUE & CUSTOMS GROUP

To: **All PCS representatives**

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R&C Group Health and Safety Team Elections

- ***Branches to submit nominations for the Group H&S Team by COB 5th October***

As branches may be aware, the Group Health and Safety Team (non-GEC members) would usually be elected on an annual basis at an in-person meeting of the PCS Regional H&S Committee Chairs. COVID-19 meant that meeting, and election of the Group H&S Team, has not taken place for some time.

Plans are underway to proceed with an in-person meeting of the PCS Regional H&S Committee Chairs this year, to be held in Nottingham on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October, with the option to join virtually and with details and arrangements to follow. The election of the Group H&S Team will also take place at this meeting.

Nomination and election process

Branches are now invited to nominate Health and Safety Reps to the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Organiser. Nominations are welcome from any H&S Rep trained to at least stage 1, and ideally nominees would also have experience of attending or being a member of their local Regional H&S Committee, although this is not an essential requirement.

For information, the Group H&S Team roles are currently held by the following individuals:

- Chair – Andrew Mawson (Bradford)
- Vice-Chair – Keith Bain (Edinburgh)
- Secretary – Vacant
- Organiser – Claire Thorpe (Leeds)

Nominations should be submitted by branches (one nomination for each position per branch) to *Adam Smith*, Assistant Group Secretary for Health and Safety, no later than close of business on *Wednesday 5th October*. Where positions are contested, PCS Regional H&S Committees will be notified and asked to agree on their preference for each position, and votes will be cast either in-person or virtually at the Group H&S meeting on Thursday 20th October.

Each role includes provision of facilities time to attend meetings and carry out the duties of the role, primarily to support the Group H&S Lead and GEC team, and to represent the PCS Regional H&S Committees, escalating issues and concerns on their behalf. If branches require additional information on the nomination or voting process, please contact Adam Smith [adam.smith1@hmrc.gov.uk].

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