



St Andrew's Webinar Series, Part 3

28th January 2021

Driving for work: looking to the future

The Scottish Occupational Road Safety Alliance (ScORSA) considered the future challenges of driving for work during an engaging webinar. Chaired by Dr Karen McDonnell, RoSPA policy adviser and Head of RoSPA Scotland, the event included insightful presentations by two road safety experts, Bertrand Deiss and Nicola Jaynes.

Bertrand Deiss, head of road safety policy, Transport Scotland, reported on the recent consultation about Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030. During his presentation, Mr Deiss outlined an ambitious target for Scotland "to have the best road safety performance in the world" and highlighted 12 challenges and strategic actions to achieve this goal. He said that one of the areas of concern was improving workplace safety culture for those who drive or ride for work. This seems particularly important as it is estimated that more than a quarter of road accidents involve somebody driving as part of their work.

Nicola Jaynes, from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) gave an overview of the updating of HSE INDG382 which covers driving for work. The INDG382 document was issued in 2014 as a joint guidance document by HSE and the Department for Transport but will be updated to reflect the significant development in driving technologies and practices. HSE consulted widely about the safety challenges which those who drive or ride for work face and identified three key areas to focus on: safe journeys, safe drivers and safe vehicles.

The webinar, held on January 28, 2021, attracted an audience of 39 people with an interest in or a responsibility for managing occupational road risk, including fleet managers and health and safety professionals from organisations in both the public and commercial sectors.

Attendees were given the opportunity to put their questions to the guest speakers and the chair and this led to a lively discussion particularly around driver safety in the "gig economy".

The next ScORSA webinar will be held at 10am on Thursday February 25, with the focus on how to ensure the road safety message is reaching the right places. To book your free place send an email to info@scorsa.org.uk