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picture of health

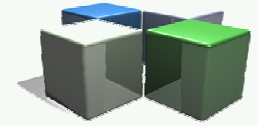
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Your health is our occupation

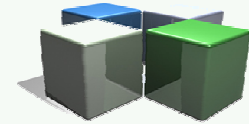


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Developing medical fitness standards for work in the offshore wind energy industry



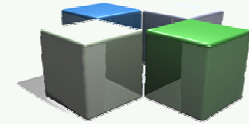
The OGUK experience



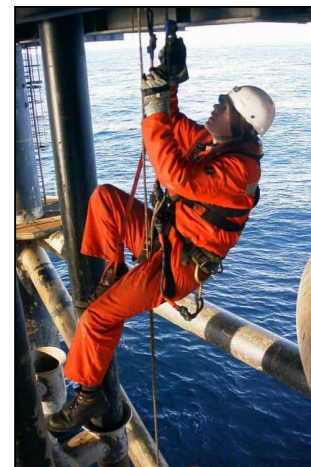
- In the beginning...
 - No requirement for a medical
 - Variable quality of medical provision offshore
 - High level of medical problems and medevacs
- Operators medical advisers got together and reached a consensus of opinion on fitness standard
- Industry standard, not Statutory
- Widely recognised as a benchmark throughout the world
- Scheme administered by OGUK medical adviser
 - Only approved doctors can do the medical



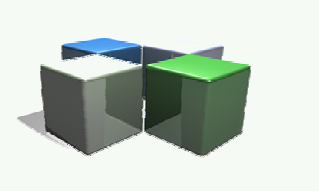
Health assessment



- Fitness to travel to, live and work in the offshore environment
- Fitness for job role
- Fitness to self rescue and take part in emergency procedures

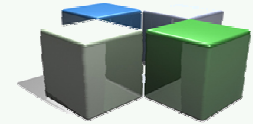


Guidelines have needed to be revised



- Change in demographics of offshore workforce
 - More women
 - Older
- Changes in medical treatment and thinking
- Changes in legislation
 - Disability Discrimination Act
 - Age discrimination
 - New Equality Act
- Changes in health status of population
 - Lifestyle and obesity

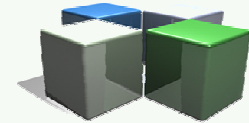
Lessons learned



- Good to have an accepted fitness standard
 - highly mobile workforce

However

- Developed with access to medic and sickbay in mind, and topside support
 - No provision in wind farms
- No fitness test
 - Don't fully address fitness to climb
 - Important not to set too high a standard
- Do not address alcohol and drug misuse
- Quality of medical assessment variable
 - No training or audit of approved doctors
 - No central registration of fitness status



Questions & discussion

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