

## Return to Work after Cancer Project IOM Case Studies

### The Project:

The Institute of Occupational Medicine (IOM) is currently working with Loughborough University and Affinity Health at Work in carrying out a research project funded by IOSH to examine occupational safety and health issues surrounding return to work for people who have been treated for cancer. The objectives of the research project are:

- To understand the health and safety implications of returning to work after cancer
- To identify what employers can do to facilitate return to work and what is best practice in dealing with health and safety issues for cancer sufferers returning to work.
- To develop guidance to support employers implement appropriate adjustments for cancer sufferers and support measures to manage health and safety issues relating to their return to work.

The research is being undertaken in three stages: a systematic review, case studies and the development of guidance material. At the current stage (until May 2015) we are completing the case studies, for this we are recruiting organisations that have experience of managing return to work after cancer (in the last 12 months).

### What does participation entail?

We would like to interview stakeholders in the company responsible for the management of return to work (e.g. employers, occupational health professionals, HR and line managers), with each of these being interviewed separately. These interviews will ask about organisational practice around health and safety and are likely to last around 1 hour.

We would also like to interview at least one case of an employee in remission to obtain information about their experiences of returning to work. These interviews are likely to last 1 hour.

### Results from the interviews:

The results of the case studies will be collated in to examples of best practice in managing return to work after cancer and how to manage the hazards associated with returning to work in the specific organisations studied.

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