

Highlights from the MDOHG Study Day Feed Back Forms

I am pleased to report the feedback forms show every attendee found the Study Day provided a valuable update and it was described as at least 'useful' and at best 'excellent.'

Without exception every attendee found the morning presentation by Dr Helen Taylor entitled 'Skin in the Work Environment' met and in several instances exceeded member expectations.

Overall the OH Question Panel was found to meet expectations and the issues debated found to be 'of value' and 'interesting'.

The Pandemic Flu Update by Dr Steve Waters was found to be very useful by the majority of members, although one person commented the slides were 'too busy' and another 'would like more specific advice on OH re: pandemic flu'.

Several people expressed the view that maybe two subjects rather than one long session would have been more beneficial in the morning offering more variety and the venue and lunch have been highlighted as 'lovely food' and 'good venue' so well done Reigate Manor!

There were a variety of ideas for topics for next years study day and a bit nearer the time, the members can decide on their 'priority' topics. A discussion on this should probably happen in January/ February time so presenters can be identified.

The list of future topics as from the attendees on 25 June 2009 comprises – in no particular order:

Vision

Drivers Health

Drug and Alcohol Testing

Confidentiality

Sickness Absence

Fit Testing

HAVS Assessment – practical tests

Maternity Risk Assessment

Fitness Certificates/GP Fit note

WRULD

Legal Aspects – DDA – Fitness to Work

A note was made that 'it was a shame more members of the MDOHG couldn't attend'. I would like to explore this point in a bit more detail when next we meet as it would be good if there was something the Group could identify that would support members in attending next year. For various reasons some of the planning for this event was pushed to the eleventh hour and it is true that the best laid plans of mice and men etc but despite that, we should be pleased as a Group with the success of the day and that all the invited panellists, without exception said they enjoyed the day and meeting everyone and joining in the debate.

So well done to everyone and thank you for your continued support.

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