SAFETY TEAM LAUNCHES NEW TOOLS TO SUPPORT SAFETY STAFF

On 21st September Safety Services hosted a health and safety awareness event for departmental safety officers, buildings safety supervisors and other safety contacts. There were 42 attendees from across all Colleges and Divisions at the event, which was held in the Belvoir Park Lounge, Charles Wilson Building, and was the third event of its kind to be organised by Safety Services.

The event started with a pre-recorded introduction from the President and Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Paul Boyle, which affirmed the commitment to health and safety from the University’s Senior Leadership Team. During the event three new safety tools were unveiled by the team. A new risk assessment form was launched, which incorporates risk and impact ratings and colour codes, to hopefully make the process of risk assessment easier. A pre-assessment questionnaire was also unveiled, which aims to provide help in carrying out risk assessments for new and expectant mothers.

Thirdly, a new online accident and incident reporting form, (and associated printable version for those colleagues who may not have computer access) was introduced. This form replaces the existing accident/incident reporting form and should be used from this point.

These tools are now all live on the Safety Services Webpages, along with a host of information about other safety topics.

Dr Sarah Nelson, organiser of the event, said “We’d like to thank everyone who attended and engaged with the event. We really enjoyed seeing everyone on the day, and can see that people enjoy interacting with peers, who may be tussling with similar safety issues, and get support from us and them”.

Attendees listen to a talk about risk assessment and control measures at the event.