

**Gas Industry Liaison Group  
Notes and Actions  
Wednesday 18th May at 10.00am  
Friars Gate, 1011 Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 4BN.**

**1. Attendance/Apologies.**

Paul Smoker (PS)	Dixons Car Phone
Martin Lyth (ML)	EU Skills
Bruce Bennett (BB)	Gas Safe Register
John Forrest (JF)	GATC
David Dumaresq-Lucas (DDL)	Brookhouse Training
Duncan Vallance (DV)	NICEIC
Ben Kutcha (BK)	Quantic Corporation
Tony Hopton (TH)	Home Serve
Mick Hallam (MH)	ROMECC
Simon Hughes (SH)	National Grid
Simon Fisher (SF)	National Grid Metering
Stephen Simcott (SS)	Iberdrola Group
Bill Dyer (BD)	T Brown Group
Peter Winnett (PW)	Riello Burners

**Apologies**

Reuben Smith	SWAT Gas
Ian Moss	EU Skills
Michael Ovenden	Domestic Gas Services
Neill Ovenden	Domestic Gas Services
Paul Collins	NICEIC
Wim Rutyes	OPGO
Dave Chinn	National Grid
Tahsina Khan	ICOM
Andy Brewer	Cofely
Paul Garside	Sodexo
Joe Beesley	Fusion Engineering

**2. Minutes from previous GILG meeting (25.02.16).**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.

**3. Standards Consultation Forum - update.**

**3.1. CD/78 (ISU 058): IGEM/UP/12 Edition 2: Application of Burners and Controls to Gas Fired Process Plant.**

No identified maintenance to MoGS criteria required.

**3.2. CD/79 (ISU 059) BS6891: 2015 Specification for the installation and maintenance of low pressure installation pipework of up to 35mm (R1¼) on premises.**

ACS assessments potentially affected:

CCN1

CESP1

CMA1

CMA3  
CCLP1  
ND Generic Core Pt A

**3.3. CD/80 (ISU 060) The ECO Design of Energy Related Products Directive 2009/125/EC and Energy Labelling Directive 2010/30/EU**

No identified maintenance to MoGS criteria required.

**3.4. CCLP1 EPC (External Pipework Connections) re-assessment.**

Re-assessment criteria to be developed.

**3.5. ENA low pressure bulletin.**

Further to discussions at the previous SCF and SMB meetings, HHIC facilitated a meeting to discuss the detail and potential affects to installers/service engineers working in customer's premises. The issues are ongoing and will be reported back to the SCF and SMB when available, regular updates will be provided to the GILG members.

National Grid have provided guidance regarding the initial action when investigating pressure problems is to;

- Gain access to affected property(s) and establish the nature of the complaint.
- Carry out a tightness test on the downstream installation.
- Check that the working pressure is 21mbar (+or- 2mbar) and adjust the regulator if required.
- If the working pressure is correct at the meter outlet but there is insufficient pressure at appliances, advise the customer to contact a Gas Safe engineer.
- In extreme conditions, if a minimum working pressure of 15mbar (measured at the meter outlet) cannot be maintained for 6 minutes, the supply shall be isolated and further investigation carried out.

If the working pressure cannot be adjusted to the required level then further investigation will be necessary.

**Action: ML to circulate guidance to GILG group members**

**3.6. Installation of check meters.**

IGEM due to report back to SMB regarding classing of check meters as a pipework fitting.

**Action: ML to circulate IGEM's response to SMB to GILG group members**

**4. Trailblazer Apprenticeships**

**4.1. Smart Metering**

The Dual Fuel Smart metering apprenticeship is now complete and is being delivered by a number Employers via their designated of Training Provider.

**4.2. Gas Engineer**

The Standard and Assessment plan have been approved along with the funding cap. The Rules of Combination and the associated training units have been signed off by the Employer Development group. It is envisaged that the first starts will be from September 2016.

#### **4.3. Additional Standards**

There are opportunities for Industry to identify other sectors for the development of additional trailblazer apprenticeships. Any such groups need to identify the area they wish to develop an apprenticeship standard by informing EU Skills and providing 10 letters of support from employers including at least one SME. All trailblazer apprenticeships are to be supported by a professional body, for the gas sector this is usually IGEM, in addition to IGEM an apprenticeship standard can be supported by a Trade Body.

#### **5. Member's items.**

##### **5.1. Access to Gas Safe registered engineers holding the CMDDA1 accreditation (BK).**

BK explained the difficulty in gaining access to engineers holding the CMDDA1 qualification and put forward the merits of incorporating CMDDA1 into the CCN1 core. Although the group thought that this would have benefits it would be difficult to implement as not everyone holding the CCN1 core would offer these services and the integration into the 5 year cycle would also prove difficult.

#### **6. IGEM/IG/1**

##### **6.1. Implementation Process**

This process is still ongoing with the latest request for a risk model where training providers will be classed as either high risk or low risk.

##### **High Risk being defined as:**

Training centres or other providers that are not part of a business operating an approved ACS or QCF assessment centre who deliver their own MLP leading to ACS or QCF assessments.

##### **Low Risk being defined as:**

Training centres that are part of a business operating an approved ACS or QCF assessment centre who deliver an MLP leading to ACS or QCF assessments which has been developed and is operated by the Awarding Organisation.

A paper outlining the potential issues of the proposal is to be presented to the SMB

#### **7. Job Practice Analysis (ACS scheme).**

##### **7.1 JPA Re-assessment proposal ballot result**

Following the evaluation of the work produced regarding the domestic suite of documents by a SCF sub-group, a proposal for a new re-assessment strategy will be taken to the next SCF for industry consultation and a decision on whether to develop and implement this model. The aims of the proposed re-assessment strategy are to:

- Make re-assessment more relevant to the work categories undertaken by a gas engineer
- Reduce K&U assessment criteria
- Increase focus on performance criteria
- Use assessment performance to recognise and address training needs

The GILG response was a definite vote in favour of moving forward with this proposal – however there was some objection from all the ACS Certification Bodies except NICEIC (Certsure) who support the proposal.

The result means a vote in favour to the SCF from the GILG.

**8. Group Competence Scheme**

ML updated the meeting regarding the Group Competence Scheme  
British Gas continue to implement and expand their GCS and interest has been received by several other companies who are working towards accreditation.

**9. AOB**

Update on CMA3

Following concerns from some Certification Bodies regarding whether the CMA3 criteria includes all of the necessary competences for the safe installation of a U6 meter in a domestic premise, IM has written to them and requested them to provide the following information:

- any criteria that has been removed from CMA1 in order to create CMA3, that in your opinion should still be included.
- any criteria either removed or missing in relation to the identification of unsafe situations.
- any areas of concern regarding the reasons for the introduction of the assessment and whether the scope of the assessment should be in the 'limited scope' category.

The response has been requested no later than Friday 20th May 2016, after which a clear way forward will emerge.

**Date of next meetings: to be held at EU Skills, Friars Gate, 1011, Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 4BN.**

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2016**