

**Gas Industry Liaison Group  
Notes and Actions  
Thursday 25th February at 10.00am  
Friars Gate, 1011 Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 4BN.**

**1. Attendance/Apologies.**

Reuben Smith (RS)	SWAT Gas
Ian Moss (IM)	EU Skills
Martin Lyth (ML)	EU Skills
David Smith (DS)	Gas Safe Register
Wim Ruyes (WR)	OPGO
Barry Matthews (BM)	OPGO
Paul O'Driscoll (PO)	AA
Ben Kutcha (BK)	Quantic Corporation
Steve Simcott (SS)	Scottish Power
Joe Beesley (JB)	Fusion Engineering
Bill Dyer (BD)	T Brown Group
Chris Bennett (CB)	GMB
Tony Hopton (TH)	Home Serve

**Apologies**

Bruce Bennett	Gas Safe Register
Mike Walton	OPGO
John Forrest	GATC
Duncan Vallance	NICEIC
Michael Ovenden	Domestic Gas Services
Neill Ovenden	Domestic Gas Services
Paul Smoker	Dixons Car Phone
Simon Fisher	National Grid Metering
Martin Garbutt	Home Serve
Ian Clarke	British Gas
Duncan Wilson	SNIPEF
Andy Brewer	ENGIE
David Dumaresq-Lucas	Brookhouse Training
Mick Hallam	ROMECC
Paul Hudson	ENGIE

**2. Minutes from previous GILG meeting (03.11.15).**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.

**Action DS/ML: DS to forward any relevant information regarding BSI Standards to ML to circulate to the group.**

**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. “Benchmark”, in relation to matters of gas safety.**

The Benchmark scheme aims to ensure installation, commissioning and servicing work is carried out to the appropriate standard, and documented as such.

HHIC to propose including some Benchmark requirements to CENWAT at next SCF.

**3.6. 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.

**3.7. Installation of check meters.**

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

**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 apprenticeship 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. Rules of Registration regarding notifying GSR of work carried out installing heat producing appliances in regard to Part L of building regulations (OPGO).**

BM raised an issue regarding a scenario where the customer will install ancillary items such as TRVs etc. which requires compulsory notification as per Building Regulations.

DS replied that although this notification can be made via a third party (e.g. APHC) Gas Safe Register is the only method available for notification. He stated that their inspectors take a pragmatic approach to this matter and advised the installer to obtain proof of the agreement for the customer requesting to carry out this work such as a letter to prevent any comebacks in the future.

**5.2. GILG article in RGE (Ian Moss).**

The article regarding the GILG placed in the RGE magazine has successfully created new interest in the group with numerous requests for information and several new members attending the group.

**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).**

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

**8. Group Competence Scheme**

IM 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**  
None

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

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

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

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