



REPEAT OF ORR BASELINE HEALTH INDICATOR SURVEY 2014

[ORR's health programme for 2010-2014](#) aimed to achieve our vision of a rail industry that consistently achieves best practice in occupational health. A key message was the importance of using good health data to better target improvements and monitor progress in health risk management. As part of our [2010 baseline review](#) of how occupational health was managed in the rail industry we established a small number of high level indicators on health, and asked key rail duty holders to report against them.

We now want to repeat the 2010 baseline survey using industry data for 2013-14, in order to assess progress. The questions and explanatory notes are on our [website](#). The link to the live version of the 2013-14 repeat survey has been sent to industry leaders, with responses requested by 13 June 2014.

Although the response to the 2010 survey was comparatively good (at 56%), we were disappointed that some of the key players in our industry (17 train operators/light rail companies and 24 rail contractors) did not respond. We urge all rail duty holders to make a full contribution to this repeat survey request, so that we have a fuller picture of how occupational health is being managed across the industry in 2014. A nil return on some indicators is better than no response at all. We will publish, in June 2015, a revised position paper on industry progress, including anonymised data from this repeat survey.

Many railway companies will already have responded to requests from us for specific information on their occupational health management systems, as part of our on-going inspection programme on health. This remains an essential part of our work to assess legal compliance by individual duty holders. This request for updated baseline data across the industry is designed to serve a different purpose and we hope that you are able to support us in this. We expect that most rail companies will already collate and monitor this high level information as part of an effective safety management system and good corporate governance.

We are grateful for your support in providing this information to ORR and commend to you our new [health programme for 2014-2019](#) in which we will work with the rail industry to embed worker health and wellbeing into the policies, culture and practice across the whole industry.