

Issue 01

Primary Authority

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On 09/01/12:

438 businesses

78 local authorities

46,400+ premises

1,190,000+ employees

News and links for regulators in a Primary Authority Partnership

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PRIMARY AUTHORITY NEWS

Welcome to the first Primary Authority news bulletin

As part of our drive to build a Primary Authority network of partners and enforcing authorities, we have decided to create a regular news bulletin dedicated to yourselves and the scheme. We hope you'll find it useful and informative and we are keen to receive your feedback at pa@lbro.org.uk.

January's top tip

Why not let others know what you are working on with your business partner? You can post comments onto the Primary Authority IT system under "Additional Information" giving an overview of the discussions you are having and a possible timetable when it may be completed e.g. reviewing their health and safety manual or HACCP. Even if you have not had time to review and agree the processes, it shows the areas the partnership is looking at. *Send your top tip to pa@lbro.org.uk so we can post it here.*

Training available

"Really good..... interest held all day I feel motivated and more confident to progress." "Very useful course highlighting areas we clearly need to focus our attentions." Our low cost Primary Authority training is now being made available in a number of regions. The two separate courses on establishing primary authority partnerships and getting the most impact from existing partnerships are proving so popular we are constantly adding new dates. Ten workshops are so far planned between now and the end of March. Check our [website](#) for details.

Social network

LBRO has created a new online forum through the social media site LinkedIn, where you can post your news, views and queries and gain from the shared experience of Primary Authority colleagues and partners. For more information about LinkedIn and how to join visit www.linkedin.com

Expansion of Primary Authority

Primary Authority is set to be expanded to enable more, smaller businesses to benefit; and extended to cover more areas of regulation. The Government has outlined its intentions following the two-part [Transforming Regulatory Enforcement](#) consultation. There will be changes to Primary Authority in three areas: strengthening inspection plans to help Primary Authorities to move to greater earned recognition; allowing more organisations to participate - benefiting small business; and including age-restricted knives and gambling.

Experience and insight of business and regulators

As Primary Authority grows, it is increasingly important to ensure those involved in partnerships are able to shape its future. We therefore intend to create a small Primary Authority User Group. Membership will include business and local authorities to reflect the profile of primary authority partnerships. Email Helen.Buckingham@lbro.org.uk for details.

Primary numbers

Screwfix Direct Ltd, the British Army, Volkswagen Group UK Ltd and Danone Ltd are just some of the businesses to have recently signed up. For a full list visit <https://primaryauthority.lbro.org.uk>