



# DESIGN NETWORK



## WHAT IS THE DESIGN NETWORK?

- The Design network was formed in 2004
- A collective response from a group of design and construction organisations to help them improve their processes and people to comply with the requirements of CDM
- The network group focuses on two areas:
  - Understanding how we assess our designer competence and look for opportunities to improve
  - Collecting and communicating design best practice which can reduce hazards on site and helps the construction team work effectively



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE DESIGN NETWORK?

- A demonstration to Clients and the HSE alike that the company and its people are taking their CDM responsibilities seriously
- Helping to protect a company's licence to operate
- Helping to demonstrate to Clients continuous improvement, design innovation and learning is pro-actively supported
- Potential design quality and productivity improvements resulting from the use of design which has demonstrably delivered benefit
- Improved understanding of designer competence issues leading to improved recruitment practice and employee development



## HOW DOES THE DESIGN NETWORK FUNCTION?

- The Design Network meets four times a year
- The Design Network is made up of the lead designers or design manager for each of the member companies
- The Design Network members have a responsibility to contribute to the network but also ensure that they communicate the data from the Network to the designers in their organisation
- The Design Network members contribute in separate meetings to sub-groups working in specific improvement areas and sharing their progress and asking for support at the Network meetings
- A steering group made up of company directors meets twice a year to review progress and ensure that there is sufficient resources and company support being made available



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