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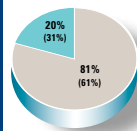
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Bad for your health?

Over the past few years there has been significant progress in the lifting industry in terms of improved work conditions and health and safety. But as we start a New Year it might be worth considering the all too frequently overlooked 'Health' part of Health & Safety. It is a far greater killer than safety related issues.

Numerous readers have commented lately on the seemingly high number of industry people who have passed away at a relatively young age, including those in their 50s and 60s. While we have known for some time that we have an aging workforce, you would

think, or hope, that this might be offset to some extent by the increased life expectancy. But will it, or is the construction industry an inherently unhealthy place to work?

We are all being told that we should eat more healthily, get more exercise, sleep more and drink less alcohol in an effort to keep our weight down and avoid illnesses such as diabetes which are becoming a major issue for the construction industry. But for many in this sector - particularly those at the sharp end - this can be challenging.

With more time spent travelling on increasingly congested roads, plus staff shortages and tight deadlines leading to longer working days, more nights away from home and disrupted sleep patterns, combined with the habit of grabbing convenient, unhealthy meals often eaten on-the-go - not to mention the hours spent sitting in a van or cab - it is easy to see why obesity, diabetes and liver related illnesses are becoming an increasingly serious issue leading to lost work days and even premature death.

And then we wonder why young people are put off wanting to work in this sector and why so many of them might find it unattractive - adding to the skills shortages which then ramps up the pressure on those already in the business.

In the interview with Ainscough's managing director Janet Entwistle on page 37 she makes the point that it is all about getting the right work-life balance. The industry is exciting, she says, but we have to recognise what people want in terms of working environment and work-life balance in order to attract the young, retain the existing and bring in the more experienced.

Perhaps we need to be thinking of a more radical solution, not only to recruiting new people into the industry but for ways to better look after those we already have, helping them becoming healthier and hopefully happier?

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy, safe and prosperous 2018.

Mark Darwin

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