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SEQOHS ACCREDITATION

Since March 2021, Qualitait has remained very busy providing support to inhouse and standalone private and public Occupational Health services through the SEQOHS standards.

Two services gained accreditation in 2021 and Qualitait will continue to assist four other services (one public sector, one SHP, one OHP led and one multi-disciplinary small private provider) through the process this year whilst working with a public sector service booked towards another five-year re-accreditation.

After Qualitait publications on the continued viability of SEQOHS in Occupational Health and Wellbeing and the iOH magazines, the Occupational health at work journal, Vol 18: issue 3 (14-26) Oct/Nov published "Is SEQOHS worth its salt?". The findings of their exclusive survey of OH professionals on the usability, effectiveness, and value for money of SEQOHS, the OH service accreditation scheme. It makes for a very interesting read.

COVID & UKAS

Qualitait has been and continues to assist Healthcare providers through the UKAS evidencing, audit and closeout process for ISO 15189 / 17025 as a SARS-CoV-2 sample collector for PCR general testing and test to release as well as ISO 22870 lateral flow device point of care testing.

Some of the first companies that I supported to become accredited in 2021 are now coming up to their annual surveillance audit.

If this is something your business is requiring assistance in, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Su Chantry from SKC Occupational Health and myself collaborated on an article with Nic Paton, consulting editor of OHW+ to highlight the value of other accreditation models that can be of value to OH practitioners.

How pandemic has put the spotlight on OH accreditation - Personnel Today (subscription required for full article)

ISO ACCREDITATION

Qualitait has remained true to fulfilling our passion of building a quality framework into the culture of every organisation to drive innovation and improvement in business processes alongside inspiring positive wellbeing and engagement of their people.

With the option to integrate ISO standards. Qualitait is working with several companies on one or more of the following management systems: ISO 9001 -Quality management, ISO 14001 -Environmental management, ISO 45001 - Occupational Health and Safety management (with an extension to scope of the ISO 45003 guidelines in psychological health and safety at work: managing psychosocial risks and ISO 27001 - Information Security Management systems.

Qualitait offers consultancy time to specific projects, monthly support, or ad-hoc work.

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EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

As a consultant, you can sometimes become very siloed in your own way of working, or worktime too often can become all the time.

In September 2021, I joined the 9-month <u>EOPH Effective Leadership programme</u> to be guided by several inspirational speakers on topics (influence, vision, effectiveness.....) of leadership development.

In early January 2022 at the beautiful setting of Marchmont House, I took time out to rest, reflect, restore and reset with Di Murray, ComingUp4Air, which offers both the methodology and the space for individuals and teams to interact, with robust evidence based research, explored in creative settings and return to life and work refreshed and more resilient. Read more on the blog.

IN-HOUSE ACCREDITATIONS

Qualitait has been privileged that work has been very engaging in this unstable economic climate, but with a love for learning, I am constantly active with continued professional development in quality disciplines, and occupational health and safety.

I have completed the Certificate in Managing Mental Health at work course from The At Work Partnership with the support of Brunel University London as well as extending my Health and Safety knowledge with an IOSH approved Managing Safely qualification, a DSE assessors course and a drug and alcohol policy / collection officers training.

In September 2021, Qualitait completed its Cyber Essentials certification, demonstrating it complies with the requirements of the cyber essentials information security scheme. If you wish to find out more about this process or find a certification body, please following the <u>IASME</u> link.



HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

Qualitait has partnered with independent provider of health and safety training: **Host Training and Consultancy**. www.hosttraining.co.uk/all-courses.

Having worked with Alison Horbury, Director & Lead Auditor, on numerous ISO accreditation projects, I am really proud to be supporting Host Training and Consultancy.

Not only is Alison's expertise unmatched, but every member of the team has a wealth of practical experience to offer, hold all appropriate health and safety qualifications and is individually registered with the Chartered Institution of Occupation Safety and Health (IOSH), the body responsible for monitoring standards in the profession.

Alison and her team have a similar ethos to my own; to always take the time to get to know you and your organisation so that they can function as a true extension of your team. She would be more than happy to give you a call to discuss your training requirements, or she can also be contacted on 07703058261 / Alison@hosttraining.co.uk

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any quality, audit, or compliance queries.

I am always happy to take e-mails, calls or have a virtual cup of tea.

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