



Schools Work Experience

FAQs

Can we do this ourselves?

Yes of course, but do you cost in the hourly rate of your coordinator and the teachers conducting the vetting? Our costs include the staff team dedicated to providing this service and you contract with us on an annual basis. Our costs are fixed and transparent with no hidden charges.

Do I need to be qualified to conduct a health and safety review?

Yes, there is a benchmark Level 3 qualification that is needed, however, we far exceed that and have in excess of 60 years combined occupational health and safety experience.

What do you charge me for?

We charge for registration of each pupil, database checks, a job description and a full H&S vetting (only if required).

I am confused by the risk bandings - how do you determine who needs a health and safety review?

Risk bandings are based on the occupational risk within the workplace. We have to conduct reviews for high-risk environments, such as construction or agriculture. Reviews will also be conducted for medium-risk placements, such as unit assembly or factories, and low-risk placements such as offices.

How long is the placement review valid for?

High-risk environments require an annual full review. Medium-risk environments require a full review every 24 months, and low-risk environments are valid for 36 months.

I heard that you do not operate this service anymore?

This is a myth! Following the demise of the EBP and Trident service, we continue to be the lead provider in the county for this service and we are retained by Gloucestershire Ad Ed department to carry out health and safety reviews on educational providers. We also hold an excellence award from the Education Funding Agency for this service. We conduct health and safety reviews across the South West for apprenticeship programmes and other government contracts, which total in excess of **1700** reviews and **5200** registrations per annum.

Is there any added value to your service?

Yes. We offer a free and competent source of Health and Safety IAG to employers to ensure that pupils are safe and to identify any potential non-compliance. Due to our extensive experience and continual access of the database, our records are the most current within the county therefore reducing your potential outlay for unnecessary health and safety reviews.

Every health and safety review conducted by PTS is certified, which can be evidenced in order to prevent unnecessary visits to employers by other service providers. As the WEX team is part of a larger health and safety service team within PTS, we can mobilise staff to service your needs efficiently and effectively according to agreed timescales.

Why can we not agree a fixed budget?

Unfortunately, we can only give you an indication of cost due to the fact that we do not know how many health and safety reviews will need to be conducted until you provide us with all the pupil application forms. However, the existing relationships we have with our customers means that they may well pay less in future years due to the constant updating of the specially designed database, providing comprehensive and detailed reporting.

Contact Sue Woodman, your dedicated coordinator on **01452 886 888** to arrange a no-nonsense meeting with our health & safety team or email: suew@trainandrecruit.com



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