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## **A review of the All Wales NHS Manual Handling Passport Scheme for use within Local Authorities**

### **Biography**

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### **Abstract**

The All Wales NHS Manual Handling Training Passport and Information Scheme has been applied within Wales since its first publication in January 2003, and its subsequent review, published in 2007.

It was quickly recognised that the Scheme would be of benefit for adoption by Local Authorities and other organisations, applying a consistent standard of training provision, also of managing risk related to manual handling activities.

The Welsh Local Government Association Manual Handling Forum (the equivalent of the NHS Passport Group) were instrumental in ensuring that Welsh Local Authorities signed up to the Passport Standard, supported and monitored by the Health and Safety Executive.

The Scheme has thus been implemented within Local Authorities since 2003, following recommendation by HSE and Welsh Assembly Government, and its implementation evaluated by HSE in 2004.

Having 'lived with' the Scheme for several years, it was apparent to the WLGA Forum that there was a need to review the Standard to recognise the definite differences between NHS and Local Authority needs, and also the many similarities. The Scheme has been reviewed to reflect these individual requirements, whilst recognising the need to ensure that there is no dilution of the core Standards.

In reviewing the document, the WLGA Forum has consulted with the NHS Passport Group, and have also reviewed against other articles such as the newly introduced NBE Standards in Manual Handling (Third Edition), and the also new Standards developed by the London Group of NBE.