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Request

We are seeking information on the appropriate contact within your Local Authority for submitting Thorough Examination reports that identify serious defects in lifting equipment (forklifts, telehandlers, tractors, MEWPs etc.). In some cases, this responsibility falls under Environmental Health Officers, but we understand this may vary between authorities. Please could you confirm:

- The department and/or role responsible for receiving reports of serious defects identified during Thorough Examinations of lifting equipment within your Local Authority.
- The preferred contact details (name, email address, phone number) for submitting such reports.
- If responsibility is shared across multiple departments, a brief outline of how cases are handled.
- A list of postcode districts covered by the responsible contact(s).

Response

- The Health Protection Team of the Public Protection Service regulate health and safety for Winchester City Council, for those premises that Local Authorities are responsible for in accordance with The Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations 1998. This includes enforcement of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER). Where serious defects are identified, a copy of the report must also be sent to the relevant enforcing authority.
- These reports are usually simply addressed to Environmental Health at Winchester City Council. However, the preferred contact details would be; The Health Protection Team, Public Protection Service, Winchester City Council, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ
- This responsibility is not shared with other departments. This response is made from the point of view of the regulator and not from the view of Winchester City Council as a Duty Holder. I refer you to the email asking if you also seek a response from the perspective of Winchester City Council as a duty holder.
- I do not hold a list of postcodes for the entire district of Winchester City Council.

