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Request

I would appreciate clarification on:

- Which department is responsible for monitoring COSHH compliance in nail and beauty salons
- How often salons are inspected for air quality, ventilation, and PPE use
- What enforcement action is taken when salons fail to meet required standards
- What steps are being taken to protect both workers and the public from long-term health harm

Response

The Health Protection team which sits within the Public Protection Service at Winchester City Council are the regulator for most beauty premises, in accordance with the Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations 1998. In accordance with our Health and Safety Service Plan and the Health and Safety Executive's guidance under Section 18 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 national priorities are identified by HSE annually and used by Winchester City Council along with local intelligence for priority planning and targeting of interventions to ensure a proportionate and consistent risk-based approach. This meets the requirements of the National Local Authority Enforcement Code. Nail salons are not identified as a priority for intervention and so there is currently no proactive work taking place regarding these businesses within the Winchester district. Except those carrying on the practice of acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, cosmetic piercing, or electrolysis as these must be registered with Winchester City Council before undertaking these treatments.

If local intelligence identifies a concern at a nail or beauty salon within Winchester then this will be investigated and enforcement action take in accordance with HSE's Enforcement Management Model and our Regulatory Enforcement Policy.

Employers have the duty in law to protect employees, and others, from harm. This includes complying with COSHH.

