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The Importance of Independent Authorising Engineers

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- 1) Requirement for Independent Authorised Engineers.**
- 2) Purpose & Role Authorised Engineers.**
- 3) IHEEM Independent Professional Register Governance.**
- 4) Next Steps & The need for an AP & CP Register.**
- 5) Q/A Discussion.**

Independent Authorising Engineer

Policy & Essential Requirements & Purpose of Role, Appointment



National Policy Requirement

Set out in relevant HTM Technical Guidance.

Essential Requirements of Role

Authorised Accredited Professional Engineers.

Key Purpose of Role

Provide Independent Professional Advice.

Monitor & Audit Hospital Operational Performance & Compliance.

External Assessor For The Appointment of Authorised & Competent Staff.

Appointment

All AE services must be appointed by the client in writing.

AE should be independent of the organisation structure.

IHEEM Authorising Engineer

Professional Independent Governance Process



- 1) IHEEM Specialises in the Healthcare Sector and is Licensed by the Engineering Council.**
- 2) The largest UK Professional Body dedicated to research & development and professional development of healthcare engineers and facilities managers.**
- 3) “IHEEM Authorising Engineer” Is a Professional Registration developed and managed by IHEEM. All appointed AE’s who are given this title have been through a rigorous, Independent, and professional, transparent process.**
- 4) The route to accreditation is assessed through a combination of academic and professional experience, practice reports and professional review.**
- 5) All practising AE’s must keep up to date through CPD, record onsite activities and renew their registration every three years, and comply with the IHEEM code of practice.**

Next Steps



- 1) Marketing & Raising Awareness of the importance of Professional AE services.
- 2) Working with Devolved Nations to strengthen policy and governance.
- 3) Working with International partners to strengthen professional advice to WHO.
- 4) Working with specialist training providers to provide specialist training.
- 5) Developing professional registers and career paths for AP & CP
(The important but often forgotten group)

Closing Slide



**Any Questions?
&
Discussion**

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