Vice-Chancellor’s Health and Safety Vision

The health, safety and wellbeing of our staff and students at the University of Nottingham is of paramount importance. As Vice-Chancellor of the University, I, along with the University Council, have ultimate responsibility for health and safety, and we take this responsibility extremely seriously.

Constant vigilance and continual improvement is needed to ensure that our environment is secure and positively supports the wellbeing of all members of the University community. I am therefore pleased to publish a new strategic delivery plan for Health and Safety.

This revised, proactive approach emphasises the role that we all have for ensuring the safety of ourselves, our colleagues, students and visitors. The strategy recognises that a thorough consideration of Health and Safety allows us to take on ambitious research challenges and deliver innovative teaching in a way that promotes excellence without compromising safety and security.

The strategy reinforces the importance of diversity of our research and teaching and its global setting and establishes an expectation for all who work with and in our University. Our role moves beyond legal compliance, recognising that we strive for best practice. Our approach combines sound governance, strong and clear communication, and an expectation that leadership in Health and Safety is distributed throughout the University.

We will work in partnership with our specialist safety teams to enable our teaching and research to be the best it can be, whilst ensuring that all involved are healthy and safe, embedding an awareness of and attention to health in safety in all that we do.

Health and Safety is the responsibility of us all. On behalf of Council and the University Executive Board, I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of compliance and engagement with all aspects of our Health and Safety policies, practice and culture.

Vice-Chancellor