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A consultation, launched on Tuesday 5th September, will consider changes to the Work Capability Assessment, with proposals to ensure it is delivering the right outcomes for supporting those most in need.

The consultation will look at updating the Work Capability Assessment’s categories so they better reflect the modern world of work and the opportunities more readily available to disabled people.

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions Mel Stride MP said: “Health assessments haven’t been reviewed in more than a decade and don’t reflect the realities of the world of work today. That’s why we’re consulting on reforms which will mean that many of those currently excluded from the labour market can realise their ambition of working.”

The [Institute of Hospitality](#), supported by the Savoy Educational Trust, has published a free, bite-sized Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) glossary of essential terms to assist the hospitality industry in understanding and embracing EDI.

As the IoH’s Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) lead Dorothea Jones MIH FIEDP explains: “Since I was recruited in January 2023, I have worked collaboratively with various organisations across the hospitality

sector to champion change in the industry and elevate the understanding of EDI/DEIB.

“We want everyone in our industry to have a true sense of belonging. The dialogue around equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging is broad and growing.”

The [Building Safety Alliance](#) – a collaborative group of stakeholders from the occupation phase with over 70 declared supporters from a wide range of organisations across the sector have announced their intention to become a charity, in a move welcome by its supporters.

The alliance aims to drive culture change and competence across the occupation phase. Formed in March 2021 with representation from many disciplines active in the residential housing sector, the Building Safety Alliance initially worked on implementing the recommendations from Working Group 8 of the Competence Steering Group, which was tasked to develop a competence framework for the building safety manager as per the recommendations in Dame Judith Hackitt’s report.

Anthony Taylor, Interim Chair of the Building Safety Alliance, said: “This extremely welcome and timely development, after two years’ very hard work by many volunteer supporters, will provide us with an appropriately transparent governance regime to ensure that the Building Safety Alliance has a sustainable future for the longer-term.”

phs Compliance has appointed Tom Cliffe as its new Sales Director as part of its continued growth.

Based in Warrington, [phs Compliance](#) is one of the UK’s leading providers of facilities management and compliance services, working closely with its customers to offer everything businesses need to stay compliant and keep their people safe at all times.

Speaking about his new role, Tom said: “This is an exciting time to be joining the business. We had a great year, set to be even stronger this year. We are in a confident position in the market as we launch our new range of bundle services, giving customers the best value services.”

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