

Environmental Management System (EMS)

Chapter 14

The Department's EMS is based on the principles of ISO 14001. This is complemented by LST's accredited EMS to that standard. The system is entitled 'Sustainability in DWP' – SID to ensure that,

whilst initially being a purely environmental system, there is scope to expand it to encompass the whole sustainability spectrum. The system covers all staff and buildings on the DWP estate.

Certified System

The logo for Jobcentre Plus, featuring the text 'jobcentreplus' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a green rectangular background.

Within DWP, Jobcentre Plus South East Region have achieved and maintained accreditation to ISO 14001. Since the original DWP pilot and their accreditation in 2004 there have been changes to buildings and personnel, so they took the opportunity to re-launch the system to their staff. There is now a designated EMS representative in each of the 87 sites to continue raising awareness and monitoring progress.

This year we have commissioned an independent review of the system to highlight any weaknesses, make recommendations for improvement and to ascertain whether the system is robust enough for the accreditation process.

Health and Safety Executive have retained the ISO 14001 accreditation they hold for two of their main buildings.

At a glance...

- System based on ISO 14001.
- Encompasses all staff and sites.
- Jobcentre Plus South East region are certified to ISO 14001.
- Remaining sites are not currently certified.

Government mandate

- To work towards an accredited certified Environmental Management System.