

Key technical work

- Reviewed raft of newly published secondary regulations and launched the FIS simple overview of the Building Safety Act and Wider Building Regulation Reform
- Ran fire walls and penetrations webinar co-ordinated with the Passive Fire Knowledge Group
- Ran promotional campaign on fire walls and fire labels to Tier 1 Contractors
- Key technical guidance issued covering:
 - **Reporting non-confirming installations; Top 10 risks to avoid when procuring and installing fire resistant drylining and Plastering to floor level with applied skirting**

Business support

- FIS community strengthened by record number of applications
- Launched new new risk management offering via a webinar

Lobbying and representation

- FIS responds on behalf of its members to:
 - the Morrell and Day Report (recommendations to improve and strengthen the testing regime for construction products),
 - the Industry Training Board Review
 - the proposed changes to taxation of umbrella workers
 - the Government consultation on addressing carbon leakage risk to support decarbonisation.
 - the Procurement Bill
- FIS declares support for the new Quality Charter in Scotland calling for better procurement and continues to support the Conflict Avoidance Coalition across the UK.
- FIS CEO Iain McIlwee invited to join expert panel of the Home Builders Skills Partnership looking at supply chain relationships.
- FIS lobbying success on Late Payment with new measures on value, disputed invoices and retention to be included in the Duty to Report

Skills and training

- Collaboration with Skills Development Scotland, CITB and Scottish members on the review and development of existing apprenticeships in ceilings and partitions, providing a structure for any future review and development of apprenticeships and vocational qualifications.
- FIS supported the launch of the new Rockfon Training facility.
- Finalised the Drylining Competency Plan and started work on developing SKEB statements for all core trades and supporting roles.
- Collaboration with DWP to develop material which aims to upskill DWP staff and showcase the opportunities available in our sector.
- Exploratory work with Prisons and DWP (Dept for Work and Pensions) in preparation for a pilot with Build UK Open Doors programme in 2024.

Key events

- Scottish Awards Lunch - celebrating the scottish sector
- Hosted working groups for steel framed systems and partitions
- FIS Birmingham event featuring expert speakers from the Deeley Group, the world of Risk Management and Insurance as well as a lived experience mental health presentation that silenced the room
- Delivered webinars covering risk when selecting fire walls and penetrations, flexi-job apprenticeships and managing organisational risk

Sustainability

- FIS published a new pre fit-out audit standard to support a common approach to managing strip-out to deliver optimum net zero results.
- FIS Schools Research conducted with Class of Your Own fed into the City of London Skills for a Sustainable Skyline Taskgroup work. FIS continues to support this ongoing project looking at the need to upgrade offices across the City.