

CIEH Pest Control Conference

Half-day conference: Thursday 17 October 2024

09.15 **Registration and online login**

09.30 **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: Natalie Bungay, Technical & Compliance Manager at British Pest Control Association (BPCA)

09.35 Introduction of the new licensing regime – Glue Traps (Offences) Act 2022: outlawing use of glue boards

Panellists:

- Ian Andrew, Chief Executive Officer, British Pest Control Association (BPCA)

10:00 Panel: Glue Traps (Offences) Act 2022 – technical discussion

- Is there any new tech recommended to replace sticky boards? What does it mean in practice? What does it mean for the future, what are the opportunities and risks? Any loopholes? etc.

Panellists:

- Theresa Fidge, Senior Environmental Health Practitioner – Food & Safety Place, Kingston and Sutton Shared Environment Services
- Paul Westgate, Managing Director, Veritas Pest Consultancy Limited
- Avril Turner, Technical Manager (Midlands), BSc(Hons), FRSPH, TechIOSH
- Iain Pendreich, Graduate Service Technician, Pest Solutions

10:55 **Comfort break & sponsorship videos**

11:15 The landscape of licensing for pest control

Speaker: Emma How, Senior Officer – Complex Case Unit, National Delivery, Natural England

11:45 The issue of pests on public health – how pests are causing medical problems

Speaker: Dr Alex Kew, Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Consultant, University College London Hospitals

12:15 Case study: Somerset Council's success story – dealing with a rat infestation

Speakers:

- Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts, Lead Member for Communities, Housing Revenue Account, Culture and, Equalities and Diversity, Somerset Council
- Sarah Dowden MCIEH CEnvH, Service Director – Regulation and Operations, Somerset Council
- Dave Coles, Head of Regulatory Services, Somerset Council

12:50 **Closing remarks**

13.00 **End of conference**

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