

Membership of Alehm.

As a member of Alehm your borough has benefited from the services and activities undertaken by the Charity. We hope you will continue to retain your membership going forward.

- **All 33 London local authorities are members and Alehm raises the profile of pertinent issues and takes action on behalf of its members.** Last year Alehm facilitated a pan-London Pink Duck sampling survey which demonstrated that the FSA's requirement to cook duck breasts thoroughly was not necessary on the grounds of food safety and Alehm, working with the London Food Coordinating Group and Public Health England, supported regulators' request to maintain hygiene ratings of premises serving pink duck if there were no other areas of legal non-compliance.
- **Regional coordination of services and activities on behalf of boroughs.** Alehm continues to deliver the regional feed service for London local authorities, providing expert advice and support to London local authorities as and when needed to meet their statutory obligations under Animal Feed legislation and undertaking routine inspections of their registered feed businesses.
- **Facilitator for Cross border activities, Alehm has been well placed to take advantage of external funding for activities affecting the wider environmental health community.** Using funds from the MHCLG, FSA and GLA, Alehm has worked with local authority partners to undertake cross boundary investigations and piloted new ways of working. In the last 12 months, Alehm worked with LA housing teams to introduce intelligence led investigations.
- **Alehm supports local authorities to achieve necessary competency, training and access to expertise.** Alehm delivers an annual programme of 6 Alehm meetings which provides 20 hours of individual CPD training each year for environmental health managers and their senior environmental health staff, along with a series of free training days for front line officers and a wide range of low cost training courses from the best trainers.
- **Student support/trainees and apprenticeships.** Alehm has supported 10 students over the past 2 years to undertake local authority placements and participate in London wide projects and activities, to help develop their practical skills and complete their practical training. Students have undertaken research and provided back office support for the technical groups. For example, Alehm supported a project carried out by Middlesex University on housing support for older people with dementia, and 3 post graduate students were instrumental in undertaking the research work.
- **Facilitating the on-going work of London technical liaison groups.** Alehm provides a range of back office support to the technical groups, particularly the London Food Coordinating Group and the London All Borough Health and Safety Group which enables them to undertake specific projects and enforcement activities of benefit to all enforcement teams.
- **Networking, benchmarking and problem solving.** Alehm provides a safe environment in which to raise, research and openly discuss emerging problems and shared solutions. Last year Alehm carried out a range of benchmarking activities and recently identified the acute shortage of qualified staff in London which is severely affecting local authority ability to recruit.

Alehm's Activity Programme for 2020/21

- 7 Senior manager meetings, keeping members up to date on a range of topical areas across the widening spectrum of environmental health.
- Training programme to provide courses for front line officers to help maintain wider competency of regulatory staff. To include EMM training for health and safety officers, gas safety in catering premises, asbestos training, approvals training, and free food standards, food hygiene and health and safety training days.
- Members' survey to identify membership needs and priorities to ensure Alehm provides appropriate member services.
- Representation at a range of national forums including the National Environmental Health Forum, National Food Hygiene Group, FHRS User Group, GLA and CIEH policy groups which enables Alehm to keep members up to date with national priorities and emerging issues affecting the wider profession.
- Review of London's current and projected Environmental Health workplace needs, with the aim of developing an effective student and apprenticeship support network for local authorities to expand training in environmental health and other areas of local authority regulation to help meet future local authority recruitment demands.
- Deliver the regional feed inspection and enforcement programme for London.
- Provide continuing support to the Healthier Catering Commitment programme and further develop the second tier for multi outlet fast food businesses.
- Develop a training programme for environmental health to make wider use of intelligence led enforcement and extend the use of the IDB intelligence database across local authority regulatory services.
- Examine a range of new income streams to help minimise subscription cost to members.
- Carry out specific projects to improve consistency, identify areas of wider non-compliance for focused enforcement activity. The completion of the commercial landlord compliance project and the allergen sampling survey.
- Submit bids for public health and other funding to carry out cross London activity.