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Sentinel Scheme Formal Review Outcomes 2016

- Last year there were **86** individuals who were investigated by their Primary Sponsor and referred to Network Rail's Formal Review panel
- Past precedents and Fair Culture are used by the Formal Review panel to ensure consistency if any Suspensions/Take Downs are imposed
- Of those who were referred to the Formal review **34** were deemed serious enough to have a sanction placed on them from a 6 month suspension of their PTS to a 5 year suspension from being allowed to work on Network Rails Managed Infrastructure (NRMI)
- There were also **14** individuals suspended in Sentinel for breaching the Drug & Alcohol (D&A) policy (NR/L1/OHS/051) resulting in a 5 year suspension. These do not go to the Formal Review as these incidents are reviewed by a different process outlined in the D&A standard
- The Formal Review panel also either accepted the Primary Sponsors recommendations or there was insufficient evidence for **52** individuals referred to the panel
- The majority of sanctions are imposed on those individuals breaking a Lifesaving rules due to reckless intervention
- Individual appeals will only be held when a Scheme Outcome has been applied and only where new information or mitigating circumstances that was not available at the Formal Review stage, are submitted as stated in section 5.7 of the Sentinel Scheme Rules
- There were **9** appeals heard in 2016 of which **4** were successful in having any sanctions either removed or reduced

The Sentinel Operations Meeting provides a forum for collaboration between the Sentinel Programme Team and the Programme's internal and external stakeholders to promote and support and recommend improvements to the Sentinel.

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Rule Breach	Number	Sanctions Applied	Sanctions Not Applied Sponsors Outcome Accepted or Insufficient Evidence		Unsuccessful Appeals	
4.1 Any action of theft, attempted theft, fraud, or falsification of documentation or record	8	5	3		1	
4.2 Any conviction related to theft or attempted theft of railway materials	2	2				
4.3 Any breach of the Drugs and Alcohol (D&A) policy, including reporting or endeavouring to report to site under the influence of drugs or alcohol or being in possession of illegal drugs on site, either for sale or personal use.	These do not go to the Formal Review as these incidents are reviewed by a different process outlined in the D&A standard (NR/L1/OHS/051) although sanctions are applied in Sentinel.					
4.4 Any breach in working hours, including reporting or endeavouring to report for a shift of work, having previously undertaken a shift on NRMI within the last 12 hours (known as double shifting); unless a risk assessment has been conducted by the Primary Sponsor and suitable controls implemented		2				
4.5 Any event of presenting a falsified or altered Sentinel Smart Card, or claiming a false identify for the purposes of trying to gain entry on NRMI	3	1	2			
4.6 The infringement of any health and safety rules	23	9	14	3	1	
4.7 Any event of negligence which causes, or has the potential to cause loss, damage or injury;	2	2				
4.8 Any event of physical violence while at work						
4.9 Any event of deliberate damage to NRMI property						
4.10 Any event of bullying, harassment or discrimination	2		2			
4.11 Any breach of confidence						
4.12 Any breach of the Lifesaving Rules	41	13	28	1	3	
4.13 Any failure to investigate an alleged breach of the Sentinel Scheme Rules for an Individual they currently sponsor or sponsored at the time of the alleged breach. (This also applies where investigations are undertaken, but are deemed inadequate at Forma Review)	them t	These are referred to Network Rails Corporate Investigations team for them to investigate the Sponsor or offer advice on how to carry out an investigation.				
4.14 Any allegation of a breach of the Sentinel Scheme Rules which is found to be false and is proven to have been made with malicious intent	3		3			
4.15 Any other event that brings the Sentinel Scheme into disrepute.						
Total	86	34	52	4	5	