

CASE STUDY

VelocityEHS Control of Work solution is trusted by Stryker to ensure greater contractor compliance



VelocityEHS have partnered with Stryker since 2016 to provide a robust Control of Work solution, including Permit To Work and Contractor Management. This has helped to ensure 100% confidence that every contractor coming on site is both safe and compliant.

The need for an electronic Control of Work solution came about as Stryker in Limerick and Cork, Ireland recognised the need for a system to help manage their high volume of contractor companies, get contractors on site to start work quicker, and control levels of compliance. Historically, the contractor compliance was a heavy administrative overhead, was continuously outdated, and was managed using paper.

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Another key requirement for Stryker was the need for better cross-team communication of what work was happening in real time. The lack of communication and visibility of work meant the higher the risk and greater potential for accidents to occur. Implementing the Control of Work solution from VelocityEHS allowed key personnel in Stryker to have that full visibility of what work was happening on site or what work was scheduled to take place. This information could be shared with people across departments such as Engineering, Health and Safety, Facilities and Security with the click of a button. The Control of Work solution also alerted people on the front desk as to when a contractor was organized to come on site and when the contractor was finished their work, allowing them full accountability of who was on site and who was off site.

Contractor compliance was another necessary area for Stryker to analyse and improve. They recognized the need for a system that could provide 100% certainty that all contractors were properly qualified to do the work they were hired to do, before coming on site. The Control of Work solution solved this problem through intelligent controls which prevent unqualified contractors from being selected for work or from being added to a permit. This control gave safety leaders in Stryker the confidence to know that everyone on site had their qualifications up to date, had completed a site induction, had all their insurance documentation in order, and had undergone any other training as required for the work they were doing at Stryker. Furthermore, through the Control of Work system, the management of all of this required documentation was pushed back on the contractor to manage and upload, reducing the amount of administration time on Stryker personnel.

Finally, VelocityEHS worked closely with Stryker to standardise the permit format across their 5 sites in Limerick and Cork. This allowed for greater time and cost-saving benefits, but more importantly it helped to enforce safety and compliance. Permitting was a manual process and the approval process lengthy and lacked the controls of checking contractor workforce compliance. VelocityEHS' Control of Work solution ensured that permits were filled out correctly and were closed on time.

Helping Stryker in Ireland to control and improve work with over 6,800 permits created annually & over 1,500 contracting companies managed using the system

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