

The role of ver.di in implementing EU Directive 2010/32/EU in Germany

Dealing with pointed and sharp medical objects

- Review of practice

- Well-functioning occupational health & safety measures with the involvement of trade union representatives
- Shortcomings:
 - Lack of information
 - Inadequate awareness of the problem
 - Carelessness
 - Costs
 - Mistakes in dealing with sharp and pointed medical objects
 - Increasing workload (more tasks in less time) / stress

The directive for the prevention of injuries with medical sharps directive

- The integrated (“holistic”) approach of the Directive highlights ways of remedying shortcomings in occupational health and safety, minimising injuries and making the workplace safer.

Procedure of implementation in Germany

- Involvement of ver.di from the outset
 - Good cooperation with national institutions (government; administration) and in committees
- Successful implementation of the Directive
 - Concretisation and improvement of quality of existing regulations
- Implementation of the Directive in national law is only the starting point. The Directive now must be “lived”.
 - Website „The safe hospital“ => <http://www.sicheres-krankenhaus.de>