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## Overview

Following a period of extensive industry consultation, we can now confirm that Standard 019 has been revised to improve workforce safety by delivering a change in the way we approach the management and planning of work.

The revision of Standard 019 forms part of the Planning and Delivering Safe Work programme and introduces three key changes:

### 1. **The introduction of the person in charge:**

Evidence shows that you're more likely to be hurt when you don't know who's accountable for safety. The revised Standard 019 introduces the person in charge who is accountable for safely delivering the work.

However, should a Network Rail team find that their Team leader (who is a COSS and would normally be the Person in Charge) is off ill or on leave. A contract labour staff member could undertake this role BUT only if all the following criteria applies:

- They have been involved in the planning of the work
- Hold COSS as a minimum competence
- Has been named as the person in charge within the Safe Work Pack

### 2. **Involvement of the person in charge in planning:**

The person in charge will collaborate with the planner to produce the Safe Work Pack (SWP). This will allow the person in charge to understand the required work before going to site.

### 3. **Task and site risk:**

A Safe Work Pack (SWP) will provide clear information such as task and site risk assessments and welfare arrangements so the person in charge can effectively manage all the risks.