HSE to lead investigation into double fatality at Teesworks site

The investigation into deaths of two men at the Teesworks site in 2019 will now be led by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

On 19 September 2019, John Mackay and Tom Williams died following an explosion at the site.

Following a thorough joint investigation by Cleveland Police and HSE, there is insufficient evidence to support gross or corporate manslaughter charges. The families of the deceased have been informed of this decision.

HSE principal inspector John Heslop said: "Although some of these developments are difficult for the families of John and Tom, I have assured them that the criminal investigation into their deaths remains ongoing. We also made it clear our investigation will be a thorough one, while also recognising the desire for a speedy conclusion."

This remains a criminal investigation that Cleveland Police will continue to support.