

Minutes of the Meeting of the Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Wednesday 16th November 2016, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Committee Room 4, The Scottish Parliament

1. Welcome: Clare Adamson, MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed that she would be delighted if new members could come and introduce themselves at the end of the meeting. Thanks were given to Robert Thomson of Care and Repair for arranging to fund the catering costs for this evening. Clare remind attendees of the opportunity to fund the cost of catering for future meetings as the CPG itself did not charge a membership fee therefore had no funding.

2. Present and Apologies

The Attendees and Apologies list is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (June 2016) (circulated previously)

a. Accuracy. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were agreed as a true record.

Proposed: Brian Topping Seconded: Martin Hunt

b. Matters Arising

Clare Adamson, MSP advised that an additional monitor had been secured for this meeting and reminded those present that all presentations will be available on the RoSPA website after the event. See <http://www.rospa.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/cross-party-group>

Clare welcomed Stuart McMillan, MSP to the meeting.

Clare highlighted that responsibility for monitoring the use of social media for this Group would be a demanding one and would not be taken on by Parliament staff. The responsibility would rest with the Group and ultimately, with Clare. It was agreed that it would be too onerous and complex. Clare suggested that rather than having a Twitter account, she could create a hashtag for others to use in their Tweets. Clare will take this forward and try to secure the most appropriate hashtag. Clare went on to clarify that no arrangement had been made for any joint meetings with other CPGs but that previous joint meetings had taken place. There are currently 59 CPGs so there is opportunity to work with others. The opportunity is there for members of this Group to put forward any suitable suggestions to the Secretary. Clare also mentioned that the Parliament's Health and Safety and Fire Committee were looking for additional elected members and staff to join their group.

4. Secretary's Report

Elizabeth Lumsden, Secretary, highlighted changes in the membership of the Group and confirmed the latest version of the membership list would be attached as an Appendix to these Minutes. The Secretary's report is also included as an Appendix to these Minutes. She reminded the Group that she had recently circulated invitations to several safety-related events but that she had no way of knowing which events were relevant to which members so would continue to forward to all.

Elizabeth highlighted any new and retired members and asked for the Group's decision on having the draft Minutes of Meetings available on the Scottish Parliament website. It was agreed that they should only be available in this way following ratification at the following meeting.

Elizabeth also highlighted the very comprehensive newsletter she had been sent by Jean Brown of Aberlour and how it contained very relevant and interesting information relating to safety over the Christmas period. This example could be followed by other members.

Brian Topping suggested those who have recently retired should be thanked for their input but Elizabeth responded this would be difficult if no forwarding details were available so it was agreed to express the Groups' thanks in these Minutes to all those who had recently retired from the Group.

Elizabeth also reminded the Group of the opportunity to include information on events and/or activities relating to safety within the Headlines newsletter.

5. Headlines (opportunity to highlight forthcoming events)

Clare referred to Headlines and to how comprehensive this issue was, demonstrating how much activity was going in the field of safety. This edition also included Clare's activity since the previous meeting in June. Headlines was available on the night and a copy is included as an Appendix to these Minutes.

6. Speakers:

Clare introduced the theme of tonight's meeting as being domestic fire and product safety and reminded everyone that all speaker presentations will be available, in due course, on the RoSPA website at <http://www.rospace.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/cross-party-group>

Wayne Mackay, Electrical Safety First:

Electrical Product Safety

Wayne concentrated on counterfeit electrical goods and highlighted the Report from Electrical Safety First which would soon be available on their website and will be free to download <http://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk> Wayne also gave handouts

depicting genuine and fake goods and highlighted the difficulties in telling them apart and shared information on a 'spot the fake' checklist

www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/spotthefake. Wayne put forward four suggested Government actions and advised the Group that Electrical Fire Safety Week was taking place from 21 -27 November. The Secretary agreed to distribute the associated information pack on the Week which was coinciding with Black Friday and Cyber Monday (*update: this was actioned on November 17*).

Clare invited any questions or comments. Scott Darroch asked if there had been any engagement with Amazon to support the campaign. Wayne confirmed there was ongoing dialogue. Chris Bell mentioned he (in trading standards) had worked with Wayne before and reminded the Group that this area was a small part of his remit so it was vital that these challenges be brought to his attention. Clare asked if something is dangerous how does it get reported and how does it get taken off the shelf? Chris has contacts at eg Amazon can organise recalls and advise on the remediation action to take but the challenge remains that they don't know about these issues so people need to tell them. Other recalls were discussed eg Sony phones and tumble driers. Kathy Jenkins asked if they knew where these fake products are made. Wayne responded the manufacture of these fakes could be set up anywhere in the world and Chris added that he understood they were coming in primarily from Asia. Kathy said working conditions are often terrible for those who make them up. Martin Hunt told story of his friend buying electrical fake electrical goods and that her credit card details were also scanned at the time and she lost a great deal of money. Wayne agreed and reminded folks to look out for the padlock symbols when buying online. Martin Millar advised that he would be willing to communicate any data that the fire service held on these products and highlighted that trends can often take a while to establish. Clare agreed that this group was about making these links across partners. Chris pointed out that not all these fake products would result in a fire so health service info is welcome re other injuries, again highlighting how important it is to share information. Claire reminded the group how the issue of liquitabs poisoning was brought to everyone's attention by the consultants sharing across organisations.

Lesley Nish, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde: Straight off, Straight Away

Lesley gave an overview of the work she is involved into prevent burns from Hair Straighteners. Lesley handed out copies of the latest version of the campaign poster and showed the Group an example of the heat resistant bag that will be handed out to those most in need. Lesley finished her presentation by asking those present to raise awareness of the risks around these products re burns, house fires and counterfeit goods.

Clare invited questions from the audience Douglas Watt asked if there any plans to educate children on the dangers via schools. Lesley highlighted the limited evidence about the effect of education alone and how it has been proven to be more effective to look at all the E's of prevention. Douglas acknowledge this and suggested schoolchildren would be empowered following education of the dangers. Jean Brown indicated her support for Lesley's request to raise awareness and confirmed she will circulate information in her newsletter around Scotland. Brian asked if it was possible to have the manufacturers required to have something in with the hairstraighteners and that there was another opportunity via housing organisation and others who could

engage with tenants via handbooks etc. Lesley agreed and confirmed discussions had taken place about proposed changes to design and education and information around the packaging. Regarding Brian's second point, Lesley also agreed how important it was to make everyone we could aware of this issue. Tim Tassel asked if the poster graphic were available and if so he would be happy to send around appropriately. Lesley confirmed she would be happy to share the electronic version. Clare reminded the Group of the Smokey Paws initiative and asked if there was any information available on how many animals had been burned by hair straighteners. Lesley was unaware of these numbers so Clare will write to the Veterinary Society to ask. Jean Brown reminded everyone to switch off hairstraighteners and pull the plug out and that they can take a long while to cool down. Paul McGarry enquired about the involvement of the fire service in this project and Lesley confirmed they had had fire service representation on the group from the start. Paul also asked if this issue is being covered in fire service talks to children. Lesley said young children shouldn't be frightened and Martin Millar said he would look at what information was shared with teenagers.

Martin Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service: SFRS Strategic Plan 2016-19

Martin began by thanking Clare for the invitation to speak at this Group as he found it a useful opportunity to make new contacts and valued the partnership working. Martin's presentation considered the tremendous improvements over recent years with the drop in fire casualty numbers. He discussed the strategic plan and its contents and drew the Group's attention to social change particularly the profile of older people being at risk and the associated links to areas of deprivation. Martin went on to clarify they were principally interested in improving local outcomes. Each year approximately 70,000 home fire visits have been carried out, identifying early warning signs resulting in fewer casualties and less property damage. The new winter safety campaign has just started – extending into various social streams to reach relevant populations and the Service is also looking at the provision of CPR skills to a much wider audience. The SFRS Strategic Plan is available on the fire and rescue service website at <http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/about-us/strategic-plan.aspx>

Clare recommended folks should visit the Fire Service's National Training Centre at Cambuslang and also thanked the Service for the Fire Reach programme in North Lanarkshire especially. Clare went on to commend the clock change campaign which highlighted the need to check your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector. Douglas Watt asked Martin if the Fire Service would like smart meters installed in the centre at Cambuslang and Martin welcomed this offer. Martin also mentioned they were hoping to incorporate many other available safety items in their 'safe house'. Chris Bell agreed there was a huge potential for prevention activities around counterfeit and dangerous products.

Kathy raised a point about collaboration and enquired how closely the Service worked with the HSE. Martin responded that they did work closely, SFRS has a focus on risk premises such as care homes, hostels and hospitals and will follow up with audits of any other premises based on operational intelligence e.g. fast food outlets with residences above.

Chris Bell asked the Convenor if he could show a very short video of an imported cushion going on fire and highlighted the severe house fire risk. The video demonstrated this was the type of item Trading Standards will seize and destroy. Martin agreed to work with Chris to share this information re the flammable cushions that Chris has found. Jean Brown took the opportunity to mention the recent event in Parliament about Blueproof and suggested a more visual demonstration of how the product worked was required and this led on to the following presentation.

Peter Wignall, Bluerad:

What is Blueproof?

Clare Adamson, MSP, and convenor of the Group, introduced Peter and reminded those present that the CPG is not in a position to promote particular products but is always interested in innovation. Clare had hosted the recent related event in Parliament and agreed that a short presentation could be given tonight. Peter Wignall went on to explain how the product came about following a house fire in which six children lost their lives. The device allows water to be released in the event of a fire and offers an affordable alternative to other measures but is not a substitute for fire detection. He highlighted the product doesn't require any other power source and is maintenance free. It also interacts with toxic smoke and clarifies the atmosphere. Peter showed a video clip to demonstrate how it works. Peter went on to mention Bluerad was looking at where else this product could be useful eg especially close to products such as dishwashers, tumble driers and washing machines so was looking at further devices being installed near these appliances to give even quicker reaction times. Blueproof can also provide semi permanent options for travelling people's homes. Peter invited the audience to add their details to the form at the back of the room (to receive further information) and to help themselves to the information packs.

Clare invited questions and comments. Wayne Mackay enquired about the cost of this product. Peter responded that the retail price is approximately £20 but that they are looking to secure large uptakes with housing providers and will therefore be able to provide discounts. There will also be favourable terms on offer to those willing to complete trials. Jean Brown spoke about her role in health and safety in voluntary organisations and suggested those groups would be very interested to receive this presentation. Brian Topping suggested the presentation this evening was very informative and showed exactly how the product worked. He went on to mention how the product is already being trialled in Aberdeenshire. Martin Millar asked if the associated BRE research had been published and Peter confirmed it had been and would speak to Martin separately. Peter also mentioned the trial with a child care provider in Dumfries and the confirmation of going beyond trial stage to retro fit across housing stock in Nottingham. Peter suggested the benefit of the fire service providing this product as an emergency procedure for vulnerable households. Clare advised those present that there was a video demonstrating Blueproof available on YouTube.

Clare thanks all the speakers for their excellent presentations resulting in a fabulous Cross Party Group meeting. She was delighted to see the many cross connections that were happening and that this was what the Group is all about.

7. Discussion on the setting up of sub groups.

Clare confirmed she is waiting to hear about the progress of the ISD data review and hopes to be in a position to report back to the Group at the next meeting in January.

8. A.O.C.B

No other business was declared.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th January 2017, 6 to 8pm, Committee Room 4. Focus on Occupational Safety.

Clare closed the meeting with a special request for the January meeting to include an anti sectarian initiative for young people coming together from various schools to make a difference in their communities. She was particularly interested in one group who wants to run first aid training for school children. It is part of the Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award and Clare thought it would be good if they could make a presentation to this Group. The Group agreed to this request and Clare invited anyone who could to offer help and advice to them following their presentation to get in touch.

Clare expressed her good wishes for a happy Christmas to all.

Brian led a vote of thanks to the Convenor.

Appendix One: Attendees and apologies

CPG on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness – November 16th 2016

Members Attended

Clare Adamson, MSP	Convenor
Michael Avril	Water Safety Scotland
Christopher Bell	SCOTSS
Jean Brown	Aberlour
William Clark	NWS
Scott Darroch	Gas Safe Register
Jim Dorman	St Andrews First Aid
Andrew Fraser	Falkirk Council
Kathy Jenkins	Scottish Hazards
Martin Hunt	Bluerad
Caroline Lawrie	SGN
Wayne Mackay	Electrical Safety First
Laura McDermott	Dundee City Council
Paul McGarry	Green Cross Training
Stuart McMillan	MSP
Neil McNicol	John McNicol & Co Ltd
Martin Millar	Scotland's Fire and Rescue Service
Lesley Nish	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Andrew Price	SCSN
Jim Tassell	IOSH Scotland
Brian Topping	Safety Advocate
Douglas Watt	British Gas

In attendance

Lis Bardell	Clare Adamson's office
Kate Barclay	Clare Adamson's office
Elizabeth Lumsden	Secretariat, RoSPA
Nicola McManus	Clare Adamson's office
Lynn Young	Scottish Government

Invited Attendees/Observers/Speakers

Lisa Brown	Safety Advocate
Stuart Russell	British Gas
Peter Wignall	Bluerad

Apologies

Robert Atkinson	Healthy Working Lives
Barry Baker	HSE
Paul Bannister	SCOTSS
Vince Bowles	Scottish Autism
Claire Burnett	RCPCH
John Cairns	Safety Groups UK
Janet Castro	Accident Awareness Scotland
Andy Cathro	Scotland Colleges H & S Development Network Group
Brian Connel	NWS

Frank Creighton	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Ron Ewing	CSI Safety Ltd
Susan Frame	ISD
Dave Forrester	SELECT
Ruth Johnston	NHS Health Scotland
Rachel Jones	Totseat
Sarah Jones	HSE
Gwyneth Kerwin	REHIS
Kenny Macdermid	RLSS
Angus MacDonald	MSP
Sylvia Mackay	Hopscotch Nursery
Iain McCaskey	BESA
Wendy McGarrity	Key Housing and Community Supports
Dave Forrester	SELECT
Jane Campbell Morrison	AALS
Oliver Mundell, MSP	Deputy Convenor
Ashleigh Oates	NHS Health Scotland
Carol Raeburn	RNLI
Graham Thomson	Road Safety Framework Strategic Partnership Board
Caroline Wilson	The Risk Factory

Appendix Two: Membership list as at 16 November 2016

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA Scotland) – Secretariat

(Karen McDonnell, Elizabeth Lumsden, Sandy Allan, Carlene McAvoy)

Aberdeenshire Council (Willie Munro, Cheryl Smith)

Aberlour Child Care Trust (Jean Brown)

Accident Awareness Scotland (Janet Castro)

Adventure Activities Licensing Service (Jane Campbell Morrison)

Argyll and Bute Council (Iain Mackinnon)

ARAMARK (Neill Murray)

Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (Tony Cain)

Bluerad LLP (Allister Atkinson)

BMJ Architects (Callum Bunce)

British Gas (Douglas Watt)

Building Engineering Services Association (Iain McCaskey)

Building Research Establishment (central email address)

Caledonia Public Affairs Ltd (Devin Scobie)

Care and Repair Scotland (Robert Thomson)

Care Inspectorate (Isobel Sheridan)

Central Training Services Ltd (Allan Thomson)

Chartered Institute of Housing (Alan Ferguson)

Child Accident Prevention Trust (Katrina Phillips)

Children in Scotland (Jackie Brock)

Cloudline (Ali O'Neale)

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Frank Creighton, Charlie Nicolson)

Community (H Meldrum)

Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (Anil, George Eckton)

Crossreach (Richard Park)

CSI Safety Ltd (Ron Ewing)

Cyclists' Touring Club (Paul Timms, Neil Robertson)

DAB Plus (Gary Laing)

Dundee City Council (Laura McDermott)

Duradiamond Healthcare (C Pugh)

Dynamic Advertising Group Jan James, Doug Sheriff)

Electrical Safety First (Wayne Mackay)

Falkirk Council (Andrew Fraser)

Fife Council Community Planning (Patricia Spacey)

Fire Brigade Union Scotland (Gordon McQuade)

First Aid UK (Jim Dorman)

Fisher Services Ltd (Alex Wilson)

FMC Technologies Ltd (John Johnston)

Gas Safe Register (Scott Darroch)

Gas Safety Trust (Adrian McConnell, Chris Bielby)

Green Cross Training (Paul McGarry)

Health and Safety Executive (Sarah Jones, Barry Baker, June Cairns, David Snowball, Marjorie McCance)

Healthy Working Lives (Robert Atkinson, Steve Bell)

Highland Council (Gena Falconer)

Home Safety Scotland (Paul Richardson)

Hopscotch Childcare Centre (Sylvia McKay)

Information Services Division, NHS Scotland (Susan Frame)

Injury Observatory for Britain and Ireland (Prof. Ronan Lyons)

Institute of Advanced Motorists (Neil Greig)

IOSH Scotland (Austin Baird)

Jacobs Infrastructure (Paul Hendry)

John McNicol & Co Ltd (John McNicol)

Kingdom Housing Association Ltd (Dave Roy)

Macfarlan Smith (Gina Mercier, Cameron Smith)

Magnox Ltd (Stuart Raeburn)

Midlothian Council (Rosie Cowie)

Morgan Sindall (David Patrick, Graham Palmer)

Motherwell College (Gail Frame)

Napier University (Liz Young)

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland (Brian Connel)

Network Rail (Mark Henderson)

NHS Dumfries and Galloway (Andy Howat)

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (Emilia Crighton, Anna Baxendale, Karen Bissland, Lesley Nish)

NHS Lothian (Gerard McFeely)

NHS Health Scotland (Ruth Johnston, Gerald McLaughlin)

Northern Asbestos (safety rep)

Partnership on Health and Safety in Scotland (Sarah Jones)

Play Scotland (Marguerite Hunter-Blair, Cherie Morgan)

Road Safety Framework Strategic Partnership Board (Graham Thomson)

Roadskills (Gordon Clydesdale)

Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland (Gwyneth Kerwin)

Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (Huw Edgar, Sarah Speirs)

Royal National Lifeboat Institution (Becs Miller, Carol Raeburn)

Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health (Claire Burnett)

Royal Hospital for Sick Children Glasgow (Haytham Kubba)

Royal Life Saving Society (Kenny Macdermid, Bryan Finlay)

Safety Groups UK (John Cairns)

Scotland Colleges H & S Development Network Group (Andy Cathro)

Scot PHO (Rory Mitchell)

Scotland's Campaign Against Irresponsible Drivers (Margaret Dekker)

Scottish Adoption (John Nelson)

Scottish Association of Landlords (John Blackwood)

Scottish Association of Student Residential Accommodation (Terry Knight)

Scottish Autism (Vince Bowles)

Scottish Canoe Association (Stuart Smith)

Scottish Childminding Association (Leigh Irvine, Maggie Simpson)

Scottish Community Safety Network (Andrew Price)

Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (David Stewart)

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Martin Millar)

Scottish Hazards Campaign (Kathy Jenkins)

Scottish Land and Estates (Sarah-Jane Laing)

Scottish Pre School Play Association (Ian Mclaughlin)

Scottish Swimming (Sharon MacDonald)

Scottish Trades Unions Congress (Ian Tasker)

Scottish Water (Carol Dick)

SGN (Grant Taylor, Scott Coull, Caroline Lawrie, Billy Wales, Chris Bielby)

SELECT (Dave Forrester)

Shelter Scotland (Graeme Brown)

Smart Play Network (Susan Third)

Society of Chief Officers of Environmental Health in Scotland (Derek Oliver)

Society of Chief Officers of Trading Standards in Scotland (Christopher Bell)

South Ayrshire Council Community Planning (Brian Lawrie)

SprinklerSafe Europe Ltd (Danny Doherty)

St Andrews First Aid (Jim Dorman)

Tartan Silk (Martin Hunt)

The Risk Factory (Caroline Wilson)

The Wise Group (Lawrie Russell)

Totseat (Rachel Jones)

Transport Scotland (Jill Mulholland)

Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (Steven Dillon)

Water Safety Scotland (Michael Avril)

Non MSP individuals

Lis Bardell

Brian Topping

Tom Beattie

David Birrell

Russell Brownlie

Linda Strachan

In attendance

Scottish Government (Lynn Young, Mary Stewart, Alan Crawford, Donna Bell, Michelle Harrity, Roderick Duncan, Denise McCann, Derek McIntosh)

Appendix Three: Secretary's Report

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Secretary's Report

Members

New members include Building Engineering Services Association (BESA), represented by Iain McCaskey, Siemens plc, represented by Michelle Ruane, Green Cross Training, represented by Paul McGarry and British Gas represented by Douglas Watt.

The following people have retired: Harry Frew of UCATT (now represented by Steve Dillon), Irene Miller of NHS Health Scotland (replaced by Ruth Johnston) and Peter Martin of Gas Safe Register (replaced by Scott Darroch). Colin Baird of SCOTS has also retired (no replacement).

RNLI will now be represented by Becs Miller and Michael Avril will represent Water Safety Scotland.

The latest version of the membership list (with named representatives) will be included as an Appendix to the Minutes of this meeting and this list also appears (without named reps) on the Scottish Parliament website at <http://www.parliament.scot/msps/100957.aspx>

Correspondence

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee – re Cross Party Groups: Groups are required to hold Annual General Meetings within 11 – 13 months of the date they were established. The date of establishment is the date that the Group held its initial meeting, where office bearers were elected. Therefore the AGM of this Group will be held on June 7, 2017.

We have also been asked to confirm if the Group would like the draft Minutes of the Meetings available on the Scottish Parliament website or if we would prefer to wait until they had been ratified as a true record of proceedings at the following meeting. As a reminder: Minutes are held on the Scottish Parliament website and speakers' presentations are available on the RoSPA website. Likewise, we will also have any presentations related to members' events available for download from the RoSPA website <http://www.rospace.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/cross-party-group>

For information, we were sent a copy of Aberlour's Be Safe Bulletin by Jean Brown. This is an excellent example of a newsletter covering a variety of safety topics to think about around Christmas time such as Christmas lights, transporting children safely, dangers of leaving nappy sacks lying around, visiting fairgrounds and includes a crossword and word search.

Survey result

Thanks to those who responded to the survey regarding the timings of the meetings. 21 responses were received: seven people voted for the meetings to be changed to the afternoon and 14 voted people for them to continue to be held in the evenings.

Member organisation events

Correspondence has recently been circulated by the Secretary inviting members to various safety-related events. Unfortunately it is not possible for the Secretary to distinguish which particular members will find specific information of interest and therefore correspondence has been distributed to all. In this respect, the presentation delivered by Chris Beilby at the recent IGEM event on Carbon Monoxide will be available for download from the RoSPA website in due course <http://www.rospace.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/cross-party-group>

Members of the CPG were also invited to the Think CO Workshop and Parliamentary Reception held on 26th October 2016, the BAFSA Sprinkler Seminar on 9th November and the Bluerad Fire Safety in the Home Reception on 9th November.

Headlines

Please be reminded of the opportunity open to all members to contribute items relating to events such as Parliamentary Exhibitions/Receptions/Debates etc or members' own organisation's events and information to the Headlines Newsletter.

Elizabeth Lumsden

RoSPA

Secretariat to the Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Appendix Four: Headlines

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HEADLINES

Thanks to those who contributed the following information:

Water Safety Conference

RoSPA will be holding a one-day conference on the topic of Water Safety on 21st March 2017. This event will be held in association with Water Safety Scotland and will be supported by RNLI, RLSS and NHSGG&C. It will be held in the Scottish Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh and will include release of the draft Scottish response to the UK Drowning Prevention Strategy for further consultation. Additional information will follow in due course.
(From Carlene McAvoy, RoSPA)

Gas Safe Register

Renters in Scotland are among the most at risk from dangerous gas appliances – recent research by Gas Safe Register shows unsafe gas appliances have been found in almost one fifth (18%) of privately-rented accommodation in Scotland, making it one of the most dangerous areas in the UK. The research also showed that one in six renters in Scotland (15%) is unaware their boiler should be safety checked annually, and two thirds of this group (10%) don't think their boiler has been inspected this year. Despite landlords being responsible for ensuring that all gas appliances provided by them are safety checked every year by a qualified Gas Safe registered engineer, more than a third in the UK (37%) are unaware of their duty of care. In fact, one in seven landlords (15%) thinks gas appliance safety is the responsibility of the local council.
(From Scott Darroch, Gas Safe Register.)

RoSPA's Archangel Award

Lesley Nish, health improvement senior in the child and maternal health team at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and regular contributor to the CPG, has been given RoSPA's prestigious Archangel Award. Lesley is the first Scottish recipient of this award and is committed to promoting home safety and the prevention of unintentional injury through her work. She was presented with the accolade at the Scottish leg of the 60th RoSPA Health and Safety Awards at the Hilton Glasgow on September 15.

The [RoSPA Guardian Angel Awards](#) scheme recognises individuals who go above and beyond to improve the safety of others. Lesley has shown exceptional drive to make sure home safety is on her regional agenda at every opportunity.

She facilitates the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Unintentional Injuries Steering Group – the like of which exists nowhere else in any of the other health boards in Scotland.

Lesley is also integral to the Not For Play, Put Them Away project, which aims to prevent liquid laundry capsule injuries to young people in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde area. Engaging leading brand manufacturers and the public alike, the campaign has been so successful that it was recently Highly Commended in the Prevention Team of the Year category at the BMJ Awards in London.

Lesley Nish said: “It was such a pleasure to receive the award and so nice to be invited to attend the Health and Safety awards evening in Glasgow. Hearing about the work that we do in NHSGGC reminded me why we develop preventative programmes and work so hard with all of our partners.

“Over the years we have worked really hard to raise the profile and prevent unintentional injuries in children including our Straight Off Straight Away hair straighteners campaign and our Not For Play liquid laundry pod ingestion prevention programme. It was so nice to be recognised in such a special way for leading this work and for what I think of as really, just doing my job.”

(From Elizabeth Lumsden, RoSPA)

Locking cooker valve

SGN manages the network that delivers natural and green gas to 5.9 million customers across Scotland and the south of England. We understand that our vulnerable customers, such as people with Alzheimer’s or autism, need extra safeguarding in place. Our locking cooker valve helps vulnerable customers retain their independence at home and provides reassurance to family, friends and carers.

The simple safety device is fitted to existing gas cooker pipework. When the valve is locked, the gas supply to the cooker is stopped. This eliminates the risk of the cooker unintentionally turned on or left on, and gives peace of mind to the carer or relative that the cooker can’t be used when they leave the room. The carer or relative can easily turn the valve on and off when the cooker is required, enabling the vulnerable person to continue to use their gas cooker safely.

Since our pilot project began in 2015, our engineers have fitted locking cooker valves in homes across Scotland. We work with community safeguarding groups including social services, occupational therapists and emergency services to identify customers who could benefit from the safety device.

If you know someone who could benefit from a free locking cooker valve to help them stay gas safe at home, visit our website to make a referral: sgn.co.uk.

(From Caroline Lawrie, SGN)

Clare Adamson, MSP makes every effort to keep safety issues “in the eye” of the Parliament. Here are just some of the activities she has undertaken since we last met in June this year.

CLARE ATTENDED:

- Launch of Smokey Paws: 14th June 2016 – Scottish Fire & Rescue Service HQ, Cambuslang
- Police Scotland Open Day, Motherwell: Saturday 13th August
- RoSPA Health and Safety Awards, Thursday 15th September
- Smokey Paws presentation of new kit: Pets at Home, Phoenix Retail Park, Linwood, Paisley, Monday 26th September
- IOSH President’s Lunch, Edinburgh, Thursday 27th October

CLARE HOSTED:

- Parliamentary Reception on Carbon Monoxide Awareness: Institution of Gas Engineers & Managers: 22nd September
- “Think CO “Parliamentary Reception: Gas Safe Charity: 26th October
- Parliamentary Reception: “Fire Safety in the Home” supported by Bluerad, The Common Thread Group and Grampian Housing Partnership. Wednesday 9th November.

CLARE SPOKE IN:

- Members’ Debate on Residential Road Safety: Wednesday 28th September
Link to this is:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10545&i=97037&c=1936896&s=residential%2520road%2520safety>

- BAFSA Seminar (Fire Sprinklers), Cambuslang: 9th November.

CLARE LODGED PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS:

Motion S5M-02253: Clare Adamson, Motherwell and Wishaw, Scottish National Party,

Date Lodged: 01/11/2016 R

Road Safety Week 2016

That the Parliament recognises that week commencing 21 November 2016 as Road Safety Week; notes that this is an annual event to raise awareness about road safety; understands that the event was started in 1997 by Brake, a road safety charity that works to prevent road death or injury, campaigns to make streets and communities safer and supports the victims of road crashes; commends Road Safety Week for promoting steps that everyone can take to stop needless road deaths and injuries year-round; supports the thousands of schools, organisations and communities that get involved in the event each year including Road Safety Scotland, CAPT and RoSPA; welcomes this year's Road Safety Week, and trusts that the event will inspire communities to take action on road safety through promoting lifesaving messages during the week and beyond.

Motion S5M-02224: Clare Adamson, Motherwell and Wishaw, Scottish National Party,

Date Lodged: 31/10/2016 R

Karen McDonnell, IOSH President

That the Parliament applauds outgoing president of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), Karen McDonnell; notes that Karen has been a member of IOSH for more than 25 years; recognises that, during this time, she has been a committed volunteer within the IOSH Scotland network and, more recently, across the wider membership network through her roles as its vice-president and as a member of the IOSH council; notes that Karen is also head of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents Scotland and the occupational health and safety policy adviser for the association; recognises that IOSH is the chartered body for health and safety professionals and, with around 44,000 members in 120 countries, is the world's largest such organisation; congratulates Karen on what it sees as a very successful year as president, and wishes her well.

Motion S5M-01987: Clare Adamson, Motherwell and Wishaw, Scottish National Party,

Date Lodged: 13/10/2016 R

Electrical Burns Awareness

That the Parliament commends National Burns Awareness Day on 19 October 2016, which is led by the Children's Burns Trust and the British Burns Association; recognises the work of Electrical Safety First, a charity that aims to reduce the number of deaths and injuries caused by electricity; welcomes its campaign to mark this year's national day, which calls for greater awareness of the dangers associated with hair straighteners among parents; also commends the work of other organisations seeking to prevent burns injuries to children, including the Child Accident Prevention Trust and the Chief Fire Officers Association; recognises the Straight Off, Straight Away campaign by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, which advises in relation to hair straighteners, "to turn them Straight Off and put them Straight Away"; notes that 72 children were admitted to Scottish hospitals in 2015 as a result of being burned by an electrical beauty product, including hair straighteners, and that this figure has increased each year since 2013; further notes research undertaken by Electrical Safety First, which shows that many parents are not aware of the dangers of these electrical devices, that one-in-four said that they had left one on or unattended and that over half said that they have left hair tools unattended when they were still warm or cooling down; considers that retailers and manufacturers are selling products such as hair straighteners, which can reach 235°C, without explaining the dangers of incorrect storage, and commends Electrical Safety First on its advice, including a hard-hitting video that is available on its website, which shows the effects of badly stored heated hair straighteners near children, as well as general safety advice.

Motion S5M-01637: Clare Adamson, Motherwell and Wishaw, Scottish National Party,

Date Lodged: 22/09/2016 R

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents Health and Safety Awards

That the Parliament commends the members of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents on their recent Health and Safety Awards; recognises the important work that the society does to promote good practice in health and safety; congratulates the winners in each

category; specifically recognises the dedication of the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde employee, Lesley Nish, who was awarded the Archangel Award for her hard work developing programmes designed to prevent injuries to children and young people, and wishes the society well in its future endeavours.

Motion S5M-00844: Clare Adamson, Motherwell and Wishaw, Scottish National Party, Date Lodged: 21/07/2016

Police Scotland Lanarkshire Open Day, Motherwell Police Office

That the Parliament commends Police Scotland Lanarkshire Division for its planned open door event on 13 August 2016; notes that various activities will be available, including an opportunity to visit the dog branch, meet those involved in recruitment, mountain rescue and the marine unit and view police motorcycles and road policing vehicles as well as enjoy children's activities and meet representatives of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Scottish Ambulance Service, and encourages all local residents to attend and learn more about the brilliant work undertaken by the emergency services.

Motion S5M-00788: Clare Adamson, Motherwell and Wishaw, Scottish National Party, Date Lodged: 14/07/2016 R

Institute of Fire Prevention Officers Endorse Smokey Paws

That the Parliament applauds the Executive Council of the Institute of Fire Prevention Officers for its unanimous decision to formally endorse and support Smokey Paws; recognises that Smokey Paws is an organisation that works to equip every UK fire service with a kit of three specially manufactured pet oxygen masks; notes that, in addition to the animals that work alongside humans, including Police dogs, search and rescue dogs and working dogs; understands that there are over nine million dogs and almost eight million cats living in British homes; commends the Institute of Fire Prevention Officers for its tireless work to promote the advancement of fire safety, and looks forward to the continued service that it and Smokey Paws provide in the UK.

Motion S5M-00658: Clare Adamson, Motherwell and Wishaw, Scottish National Party, Date Lodged: 30/06/2016 R

Electrical Safety in an Ageing Society

That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, *Age Safe Scotland: Electrical Safety in an Ageing Society*, by the charity, Electrical Safety First, which examines the impact of poor electrical safety on older people and those living with dementia in Scotland; welcomes that people are living longer at home but notes that Scotland's ageing population, coupled with an increasing number of older people living with dementia, presents a heightened risk of electrical accidents; acknowledges that the report highlights the fact that older people are disproportionately affected by domestic fires, which injure over 190 older people each year, and that this costs the public purse around £3.2 million; recognises that, over the last five years, three quarters of preventable fire deaths in Scotland were of adults aged 50 or over; further notes that older people often live in old or poorer quality housing where problems can be compounded by long-term or degenerative conditions such as dementia, and welcomes the

range of recommendations from the report that aim to help keep older people safe at home and that include the option of a free five-yearly electrical safety check for all households with one person of pensionable age.

Motion S5M-00627: Clare Adamson, Motherwell and Wishaw, Scottish National Party.

Date Lodged: 28/06/2016 R

The Fire and Rescue Service Joins Forces with Smokey Paws

That the Parliament congratulates the not-for-profit organisation, Smokey Paws, on the recent establishment of its partnership with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS); notes that it was founded in 2015 by Brian Lockyer and Lynn Carberry with the aim of supplying animal-specific oxygen masks to every first responder to fires in the UK to save the lives of well-loved pets caught in fires in buildings; recognises that it is seeking donations to buy the masks, which cost approximately £90 each, so that they can be supplied at no cost to the SFRS; applauds community organisations, including the Bellshill Dog Training Club, which has donated kits to both Motherwell and Bellshill fire stations, and national organisations, such as Pets and Home, on their fundraising efforts, and commends the SFRS for embracing this life-saving initiative.

Motion S5M-00556: Clare Adamson, Motherwell and Wishaw, Scottish National Party.

Date Lodged: 21/06/2016

Junior Road Safety Officers Annual Awards

That the Parliament congratulates the primary schools that were named the winners of Road Safety Scotland's 2016 Junior Road Safety Officers Annual Awards for North Lanarkshire; notes that, along with St Stephen's in Coatbridge, St Brigid's in Newmains, was named joint third in the noticeboard of the year category, with St Stephen's also taking third place in the presentation team of award; understands that Shona Byrne, who is from Carbrain primary in Cumbernauld, was named co-ordinator of the year, with the school winning the presentation team prize and named the runner-up in the noticeboard category, which was won by Chryston primary, with that school coming third in the presentation campaign; congratulates Maria McMullen, of Ravenswood primary, Cumbernauld, on being named the runner-up for the co-ordinator of the year award and notes that the school itself came second in the presentation of campaign; and understands that Ladywell primary, Motherwell, took second place in the presentation team category and that St Timothy's, Coatbridge, won the presentation of campaign award; notes that the aim of the Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) scheme is to empower children to highlight road safety issues in school through raising awareness among other pupils, teachers and the community, while maintaining links with their road safety officer; believes that over 75% of the country's schools are JSRO-schools, and commends everyone involved in raising awareness of road safety throughout Scotland.

Motion S5M-00455: Clare Adamson, Motherwell and Wishaw, Scottish National Party.

Date Lodged: 14/06/2016 R

Drowning Prevention Week 2016

That the Parliament recognises that 18 to 25 June 2016 has been designated Drowning Prevention Week by the Royal Lifesaving Society UK (RLSS); understands that one person

drowns every 20 hours in the UK and hundreds more experience life-changing injuries through near drowning; notes that, by spreading water safety advice far and wide, Drowning Prevention Week aims to teach people how to stay safe near water; further notes that the campaign encourages schools, clubs, leisure centres and communities to promote water safety through events, lessons, games and activities in a bid to make people more aware of the dangers of water, and recognises the work of organisations such as RLSS in promoting water safety.

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