

**The Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety
Awareness
Wednesday 29th March 2017
6.00 pm till 8.00 pm Committee Room 4, the Scottish Parliament.
Focus on: **Water Safety****

Minutes

1. Welcome: Clare Adamson MSP
(Convener)

Clare Adamson, MSP, introduced herself as the Convenor of the CPG and MSP for Motherwell and Wishaw. Ms Adamson welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially those who were attending this CPG for the first time. She expressed her thanks to Michael Avril and the RNLI for covering the catering costs for the evening.

2. Present and Apologies

Ms Adamson reminded all those present to sign the Sederunt as it was important to keep an accurate record of those attending. A welcome was given to Stuart McMillan, MSP and Convenor of the CPG on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism, who was especially interested in tonight's topic of water safety.

The Secretary advised that a list of those present and apologies submitted would be attached as an Appendix to the Minutes of the Meeting. (See Appendix One.)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (18th January 2017 – circulated previously)

a. Accuracy: The Secretary advised the following amendments:

- Oliver Mundell MSP to be added as in attendance
- Vince Bowles to be added as in attendance
- Change Waste Industry speakers' organisation to SWITCH (not Zero Waste Scotland).

Subject to these amendments Brian Topping proposed them as true record and Robert Atkinson seconded this proposal.

b. Matters Arising:

Jean Brown asked if the procurement of health and safety contracts within the Scottish Government was now central. The Convenor advised she wrote to the Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, Keith Brown and to Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport. No response had been received as yet.

Ms Adamson advised the Group that she was a Board member of SSERC (Scottish Schools Education Research Centre - and that their CEO, Fred Young, would like to join this CPG.

4. Secretary's Report RoSPA – to be tabled
Elizabeth Lumsden tabled the Secretary's Report and highlighted the thank you correspondence received from Steve Mackenzie, Leadership for Life Award Team whose pupils presented at the January meeting of the Group. Elizabeth also listed the new members to this Group.

The Secretary's Report is attached as Appendix Two.

5. Headlines

RoSPA - to be tabled
Elizabeth Lumsden spoke to the circulated newsletter and highlighted its contents: State of Child Health report; free RoSPA resources for Family Safety Week; Child Safety Week and the latest statistics from the ISD. Elizabeth urged those who had information on activities and events etc to share to send it on to the Secretary email address elumsden@rospa.com for inclusion in future issues.

The Headlines newsletter is attached as Appendix Three.

6. Water Safety Presentation and discussion groups

Michael Avril, Chair of Water Safety Scotland: *A draft response to the UK Drowning Prevention Strategy.*

Ms Adamson introduced Michael as the RNLI Community Safety Partner for Scotland and his role to reduce drowning by changing attitude to risk through working with key partners on national and local lifesaving plans. Michael is Chair of Water Safety Scotland and has worked with Water Safety Scotland members to compile, write and produce the draft Scottish Response to the UK National Drowning Prevention Strategy. As well as working at this strategic level Michael also volunteers operationally as RNLI Lifeboat Crew and Flood Team member.

Clare welcomed Michael and looked forward to his presentation on the draft Response document. She reminded the Group that Michael's presentation would be available on the RoSPA website at <http://www.rospa.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/cross-party-group>

Michael thanked Ms Adamson for the opportunity to speak on this topic and for providing the Foreword to the draft response. Michael went on to share information on Water Safety Scotland and described the group's aims and purpose and why a Scottish response to the UK Drowning Prevention Strategy was required. Michael went on to encourage those present with an interest in water safety to: join Water Safety Scotland; enquire about local authority policies; share learning with friends, family and colleagues; feedback on the consultation to the response and; share the Water Safety Scotland messages across social media.

The audience was then split in to six groups to discuss each of the individual themes of the strategy response. These groups were facilitated by Michael Avril, Kenny Macdermid, Di Steer, Becs Millar, James Jopling and Gillian Barclay.

Short reports back were given by each of the groups and the notes were collected for input to the joint CPG response to the document.

Clare Adamson took the opportunity at this point to introduce her staff as Lis Bardell, Kate Barclay, Amna Ahmed and Ryan MCuaige.

Ms Adamson invited further discussion on any issues members wanted to raise. Jean Brown suggested there was a need for the Scottish Government to run television adverts on water safety to attract the attention of specific age groups. Sheena Harper highlighted that one size doesn't fit all and the messages would be different when relating to coastal or inland areas. Di Steer said she had been working with the Government in England on a similar programme. One highlighted factor was that there is no

one Government Department where water safety and drowning prevention is their whole agenda. This weakens the message as the subject needs political support. Gordon Daly suggested going to the fishing and angling clubs where they could explain to children at the riverside what is dangerous. Brian Topping expressed how he had thoroughly enjoyed tonight's discussion and that it was a great follow-on from RoSPA's Water Safety conference last week. At his local Fraserburgh Community Safety Group road safety was always on the agenda but it now takes water safety on board. Brian highlighted the need to find out what other areas are doing in water safety and what resources are available to pull together and not reinvent the wheel. The general public needs to be educated and made aware of the dangers. All here were willing to do their part.

Ms Adamson mentioned that WSS was coming to do an exhibition relating to the Strategy at the Scottish Parliament. Kenny Macdermid advised the CPG that members would be invited in due course. Kenny confirmed all the points discussed tonight would be taken on board but urged members to please also respond to the online consultation.

7. Re-visit previous meeting

Robert Atkinson, Healthy Working Lives.

Robert is the organisational lead for Occupational health and safety at Healthy Working Lives and chair of the working group that developed the Scottish Plan for Action on Safety and Health and the lead for three of the plan's projects. Robert highlighted that the last CPG meeting had been very, very busy, and that there wasn't much time to take questions or discussion points on SPIASH – the

Scottish Plan for Action on Safety and Health which sets out 12 actions. The ask from the last meeting was to be aware of the actions, support their principles and create new actions. Engagement with the process can be by asking questions or becoming involved with the web community – this is where the map is. Anyone who wants to join should email splash@hse.gov.uk. Any future questions should be passed to the Secretary at elumsden@rospa.com. Clare advised she had recently had a visit from Norwegian trade unions and she shared the map with them and shared information on the partnership working.

Andy Cathro, Scotland Colleges H & S Development Network Group. Andy followed on from the meeting in January where he presented on the LOCHER project by updating on the Scottish launch as happening on Friday 2nd June in Dundee. Andy urged members to write to their local MSP and Ministers to advise of this date. The evaluation of the pilot will be completed in April and then endorsement and feedback would be sought from members of this group.

Ms Adamson then mentioned the amount of pressure MSPs were under to attend CPGs (which now numbered 89) and asked anyone, who had the opportunity, to tell their local MSPs how important this Group was to their work and encourage them to attend. If a Group is not quorate then it ceases to function.

Martin Hunt of Blueproof updated the Group following the recent presentation on their fire safety device. They had worked with Brian Topping and Osprey Housing was very likely to roll out across the whole of the North East on one condition – that Blueproof hold an event to demonstrate the radiator device. This demonstration is

being organised over the next couple of months and the members of this CPG will be invited.

Lesley Nish asked if it could be formally minuted that she expressed her thanks to RoSPA, especially Elizabeth Lumsden and Carlene McAvoy, for the very successful conference on water safety the week before.

8. Dates of future meetings: June 7 2017 (Child Safety/Road Safety and AGM – Green MSP Mark Ruskell will present); Wednesday 8th November and; Wednesday 17th January 2018. All at 6 pm.

Suggestions for speakers and topics for future meetings are welcome.

Ms Adamson closed the meeting with thanks from Michael Avril for taking part in the group discussions. All info will be recorded to make sure the response is as good as it can be. Thanks were also expressed to the other members of Water Safety Scotland for contributing to the discussions.

Attendees and apologies

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MSPs

Clare Adamson, MSP	Convenor
Stuart McMillan	MSP

Members

Robert Atkinson	Healthy Working Lives
Michael Avril	Water Safety Scotland
Vince Bowles	Scottish Autism
Jean Brown	Aberlour Child Care Trust
Andy Cathro	Scotland Colleges H & S Development Network Group
Douglas Connell	IOSH Scotland
Jim Dorman	St Andrews First Aid
Ron Ewing	CSI Safety Ltd
Andrew Fraser	Falkirk Council
Martin Hunt	Tartan Silk
Caroline Lawrie	SGN
Kenny Macdermid	RLSS
Becs Miller	RNLI
Cherie Morgan	Play Scotland
Jane Campbell Morrison	AALS
Lesley Nish	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Dave Roy	Kingdom Housing
Norman Stevenson	Safety Groups UK/Scottish Chamber of Safety
Douglas Watt	Actavo
David Wright	SELECT

In attendance

Lis Bardell	Clare Adamson's office
Kate Barclay	Clare Adamson's office
Amna Ahmed	Clare Adamson's office
Ryan McCuaige	Clare Adamson's office
Elizabeth Lumsden	Secretariat, RoSPA
Dean Cowper	Scottish Government
Michelle Harrity	Scottish Government
Lynn Young	Scottish Government

Invited Attendees/Observers/Speakers

Gillian Barclay	Safety Advocate
PC Kate Blackwell	Police Scotland

Mark Bryce	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Jim Brown	Safety Advocate
Gordon Daly	RYA Scotland
Fergus Duncanson	RYA Scotland
Bryan Finlay	RLSSUK
Sheena Harper	RLSSUK
James Jopling	Samaritans
James McLachlan	Forth and Clyde Canal Society
Chief Inspector Irene Ralston	Police Scotland
Andrew Rendle	SCRA
Dave Rossetter	Glenmore Lodge and Scottish Canoe Association
Di Steer	RLSSUK
Brian Topping	Safety Advocate
Ian Waldram	IOSH Scotland
Joanne Wibberley	RNLI

Apologies

Barry Baker	HSE
Christopher Bell	SCOTSS
Chris Bielby	SGN
David Birrell	Safety Advocate
June Cairns	HSE
Janet Castro	AAS
Willie Clark	NWS
Brian Connell	NWS
Fiona Craig	SWITCH
Frank Creighton	Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar
Scott Darroch	Gas Safe Register
Sharon Fabre	Barnardo's
Gena Falconer	Highland Council
Jennifer Fingland	Cycling Scotland
Dave Forrester	SELECT
Fiona Hodgson	SNIPEF
Kathy Jenkins	Scottish Hazards
Rachel Jones	Totseat
Sarah Jones	HSE
John Johnston	TechnipFMC Plc
Ruth Johnston	NHS Health Scotland
Gwyneth Kerwin	REHIS
Wendy McGarrity	Key Housing and Community Supports
Martin Millar	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Richard Park	Crossreach
Graham Thomson	Road Safety Framework Strategic Partnership Board
Robert Thomson	Care and Repair Scotland

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Secretary's Report

Correspondence

Clare,

I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of Chloe, Jenny, and Charlotte, and of the Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award, and myself for inviting the project group to present to the CPG last night.

We've had some positive feedback already from members, and I am really glad that the presentation was relevant to the group, it all adds to the message sent to the girls of having something relevant to say and being listened to.

Beyond the excitement of being invited into the Parliament, this was a formative experience for them, and I was really pleased to see them rise to the challenge, and see their confidence in such a high pressure situation. They all performed even better than at the forum, and were buzzing all the way home. Their backgrounds are all of a similar nature to many of those in your constituency and this whole experience was extremely positive for them as young women looking to make their way in the world.

Lis did an excellent job of looking after us and settling them in despite the stresses of getting the meeting going, and Kate did a really good job of showing the girls around and pointing out some of the features of the parliament building to them, and communicating her passion too, which as a woman, made an impression on them I am sure.

Unfortunately, Chloe's experience was marred by not meeting and (importantly) hugging the First Minister, but I think that she'll recover. This was quite a shock for me knowing her reasonably well (Chloe) and I genuinely think something may have been sparked there. In terms of making young people recognise the accessibility of the Parliament, and the role of women, this was a very strong message to them.

On behalf of the Award and the Trust I am also grateful for your introduction at the meeting, and for your enthusiasm for the Award, and of course for involving Ms Ewing too – it was great for me to hear her speak so positively about the Award as well.

Above all though, thank you very much for making this experience possible for the Girls.

Yours

Steve

STEVE MACKENZIE
HEAD OF CENTRE, LEADERSHIP FOR LIFE AWARD TEAM

Members

New members since the January meeting include: SWITCH (represented by Fiona Craig) the Association for Project Safety (represented by Lesley McLeod), Clydeside Action on Asbestos (represented by Phyllis Craig), Actavo (represented by Douglas Watt) and SNIPEF – Scottish and Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation (represented by Fiona Hodgson).

Please be reminded that the updated list of members has been forwarded to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee and will be available on the Scottish Parliament website at <http://www.parliament.scot/msps/accident-prevention.aspx>

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 Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Appendix Three

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HEADLINES

Thanks to those who contributed the following information:

State of Child Health Report

The RCPCH (Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health) has recently launched its State of Child Health Report <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/improving-child-health/state-child-health/report-glance/state-child-health-report-glance> which brings together data for the first time on a comprehensive list of 25 measures of the health of UK children, ranging from specific conditions such as asthma, diabetes and epilepsy, risk factors for poor health such as obesity and a low rate of breastfeeding, to child deaths. Nearly one in five children in the UK is living in poverty and inequality is blighting their lives, with those from the most deprived backgrounds experiencing much worse health compared with the most affluent.

Recommendations for Scotland include:

- The Scottish Government should implement a robust, consistent child death review system for Scotland by 2018.
- The Scottish Government should urge the UK Government to introduce graduated licensing schemes for novice drivers.
- Local authorities and health boards should prioritise children's safety and, through utilising resources such as health visitors, the family nurse partnership and home safety equipment schemes, educate and equip parents and carers to keep their children safe, with a focus on water safety, blind cord safety and safe sleeping.

(from Claire Burnett, RCPCH)

RoSPA Resources

RoSPA's Nappy Sacks leaflet has been updated and rebranded and is available for download at www.rospace.com/campaigns-fundraising/current/nappy-sacks. Unfortunately, due to funding restrictions, packs of hard copies of this resource are currently only available across England. However, we have been able to negotiate favourable costs if anyone in Scotland would like to have them printed with their own organisation's logo on them. Please contact elumsden@rospace.com for further information.

A new video with a powerful message about blind cord safety, produced in association with RoSPA, is available at www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/blind-cord-safety

RoSPA's Family Safety Week

RoSPA is distributing free digital safety posters ahead of Family Safety Week 2017 (May 2-5). If you're interested in getting involved and sharing these with your contacts please get in touch with our campaigns and fundraising manager, Rebecca Hickman, on rhickman@rospa.com

(From Elizabeth Lumsden, RoSPA)

Child Safety Week

This year, Child Safety Week takes place from **Monday 5th to Sunday 11th June 2017**, with the theme Safe children: sharing is caring. The Child Accident Prevention Trust is asking friends, families, communities and professionals to show they care by playing their part in keeping children safe and sharing their experience and knowledge – not just about the horrors of accidents, but also the really practical, simple things they do to prevent them.

We all have a part to play in sharing the responsibility for preventing accidents among children, and we know that nothing is more powerful than the voice of experience.

Child Safety Week is run by [Child Accident Prevention Trust](#) to raise awareness of the risks of child accidents and how they can be prevented. They provide a range of resources to help practitioners run local activities and events and promote safety messages in a fun and engaging way.

(From Pam Prentice, CAPT)

ISD data

The latest figures on **unintentional injuries** have been released from the ISD. The key points include:

- Unintentional injuries accounted for approximately 1 in 10 emergency hospital admissions for adults and 1 in 8 for children in 2015/16.
- Those from the most deprived areas were more likely than those from the least deprived areas to have an unintentional injury.
- 84 per cent of unintentional injuries in those aged 65 and over were due to falls.
- Emergency hospital admissions for unintentional injuries have risen by 2 per cent over the past 10 years: in 2015/16 there were 55,547 compared to 54,393 in 2006/07.
- In 2015 there were 1,892 deaths in Scotland due to unintentional injury; 18 in children under the age of 15 and 1,874 in those aged 15 and over.

You can read a summary document and full report, as well as access the new interactive facility 'Unintentional Injuries Dashboard', by visiting www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Emergency-Care/Publications/. The ISD is looking for feedback on this new resource, please have a look and let them know what you think!

(From Elizabeth Lumsden, RoSPA)

Contributions to this newsletter are welcome and should be forwarded to the Secretary elumsden@rospa.com