

Cross-Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Wednesday 5th June 2024 18:00-20:00

(Scottish Parliament and online)

Minute

Present

MSPs

Clare Adamson (SNP) Convener

Speakers

Gill Burton Scottish Cot Death Trust

Katrina Phillips Child Accident Prevention Trust

Marie Spiers RHC Glasgow

Members

Andy Cathro H&S Trainer and Safety Advocate

Carlene McAvoy RoSPA (secretariat)

Cherie Morgan Play Scotland

Katrina Phillips Child Accident Prevention Trust

Lynn Hill Fife Council Housing and Safer Communities Service

Michael Avril RNLI

William Harley Fife Council Housing and Safer Communities Service

Jeanette Reid City of Edinburgh Council

Alistair Taylor Clare Adamson's office

Emma Dudley RoSPA and Water Safety Scotland

Michelle McKenna North Lanarkshire Council Trading Standards and Consumer and Public Interest Network

Online

Brian Topping Safety Advocate

Caroline Wilson The Risk Factory

Eleanor Griffiths Trading Standards, East Renfrewshire Council

Fred Cullum Safety Advocate

Gill Burton Scottish Cot Death Trust
Marie Spiers RHC Glasgow
Rhiain Reynolds RoSPA (minute taker)
Sarah Hill Gas Safe Register
Sheena Harper Royal Life Saving Society UK

Apologies

Alan Crawford Scottish Government
Andy Howat NHS Dumfries and Galloway
Andy McNair IOSH
Andy Murray Scottish Canoe Association
Bob Cairney SELECT
Christopher Bell Society of Chief officer of Trading Standards in Scotland
Duncan Spiers Christopher's Saving Lives campaign
John Nelson AECOM
Dave Roy Kingdom Housing Association Ltd
Elizabeth Lumsden Safety Advocate
Euan Lowe Scottish Swimming
Gordon Hunter Scottish Swimming
Hannah Dale British Psychological
Harriet Topping Health and Safety Executive
Iain Macleod Fire Scotland
Jim Dorman St Andrew's First Aid
Karen McDonnell RoSPA
Kathleen Jenkins Scottish Hazards
Konstantina Scott-Barrett Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
Marguerite Hunter Blair Play Scotland
Nicholas Sabo The Wise Group
Patricia Spacey Fife Council
Phyllis Craig Action on Asbestos
Robert Atkinson Public Health Scotland
Robert Thomson Care and Repair Forum Scotland
Sarah Jones
Scott MacRory Fire Brigade Union Scotland
Scott Sanford SNIPEF
Stephen Bridgman Public Health Scotland, NHS Highland, University of Aberdeen
Sylvia McKay
Yvonne Gilfillan Babcock International Group

1. Welcome

The convener, Clare Adamson MSP, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked John Nelson from AECOM for sponsoring the refreshments.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. AGM

The AGM was unable to proceed with voting as only one MSP present. The AGM took place later online on June 18th, 2024 at 10:45am via Teams,

4. Headlines

Carlene McAvoy highlighted the contents of the Headlines Newsletter (appendix 1) which had previously been circulated.

6 Speakers

Gill Burton, Scottish Cot Death Trust: Safe sleep for early years care

Gill works as Education Manager for the Trust and manages their training provision which includes safe sleep education, SUDI training for community health and social care professionals and simulation training for NHS staff, police and Scottish Ambulance Service.

Katrina Phillips, CAPT: Child Safety Week

Katrina is the Chief Executive of the Child Accident Prevention Trust, a charity working across the UK to reduce avoidable death and serious injury to children. Yesterday she received an OBE for services to child safety. She will be talking about Child Safety Week 2024 and safety concerns on CAPT's radar.

Marie Spiers, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde: Severe Injury in children and young people

Marie has been a consultant in paediatric emergency medicine at the Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow since 2012. Marie is dual accredited in adult and paediatric emergency medicine and trained in the West of Scotland and North West of England after graduating from Glasgow. She is a joint paediatric trauma lead for the West of Scotland and the national paediatric representative for the Scottish Trauma Audit Group (STAG).

Presentations are available on the RoSPA website at Cross Party Group - RoSPA

7. Discussion

Clare Adamson suggested to Gill and Katrina that they could work with food banks and Nurture Scotland (who support kinship carers); Claire will link them up.

Brian Topping asked Gill to clarify guidance about smoking. Gill confirmed that parents are discouraged from smoking and smoking cessation schemes are promoted, but the focus is on educating about the increased risk to SUDI in a non-judgemental way, so the parents understand how to reduce the risk of harm to the health of their baby whatever their smoking status is, e.g. changing into clean clothes before holding the baby.

William Harley asked Gill whether car seats are covered in the training. Gill confirmed they are included, particularly with parents, as they talk about car seats not being a suitable sleep space and how long babies can be in them generally.

Clare thanked Michelle McKenna for bringing examples of unsafe products to the meeting. Michelle explained that everything she brought was recalled or withdrawn from the market, the majority were found online and are often raised to Trading Standards when people have had an incident or accident with the product.

Clare reminded the group of funding cuts to both CAPT and RoSPA in home safety and asked Marie what the cost of an average stay for unintentional injury is, Marie said she would get the data and send it on.

Clare then went on to talk about the British Standards Institute conference being held in Scotland in November and asked if there was potential for the CPG to engage; Michelle will look into this via CPIN.

8 Date of the next meetings

November 5th 6-8pm

Clare asked the group for ideas for a theme for the November meeting and for a sponsor for the refreshments.

Appendix 1

Headlines Newsletter

Water-related fatality data release

WAID 2023 data was released on the 30th May and a full trend report has been published by RoSPA and Water Safety Scotland.

- Overall, water-related fatalities have decreased in comparison to the Scotland baseline average (2024: 94 vs baseline:96)
- Of the 94 water-related fatalities, there were 47 accidental fatalities.
- 86% of accidental fatalities were male
- Males aged 60-69 were the highest group for accidental fatalities
- 64% of accidental fatalities happened at inland waters
- Everyday activities accounted for 59% of accidental fatalities
- The rate of accidental water-related fatalities is coming down . 2023's rate was 0.86 per 100,000 vs the baseline of 0.96 per 100,000.

The report can be accessed here: <https://www.watersafetyscotland.org.uk/practitioners-hub/water-safety-data/data-reports/>

Carlene McAvoy, RoSPA

World Drowning Prevention Day

Water Safety Scotland, alongside our partners the Darcey Sunshine Foundation, Scottish Water, SFRS and Argyll and Bute council, are hosting a Water Safety Open Day in support of the UN's World Drowning Prevention Day on the 25th of July. This is the third year in a row that WSS is hosting a day suchlike. However, this year, the event is taking place at Loch Lomond Shores in Balloch, from 11am to 4pm.

The event aims to raise awareness of water safety with as many members of the public as possible, to promote an increased knowledge of the potential dangers – whilst still encouraging people to take part in water-related activities in a safe and enjoyable manner. We have various stand holders, demonstrations and activities planned, from Stand-Up Paddleboarding sessions, an art/poetry corner, and an orienteering course, to ensure a fun filled day for everyone.

Events such as this are imperative because on average 96 people drown each year in Scotland – a number disproportionate when compared to our UK neighbours. Water Safety Scotland and its partners work tirelessly to reduce drowning fatalities through Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy and the Minister's Action plan, which is led by the Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Siobhian Brown (MSP).

Emma Dudley, RoSPA/Water Safety Scotland

Water Safety mini toolkits

For the month of May, Water Safety Scotland's comms themes were Kayaking/Canoeing and Stand-Up Paddleboarding. The focus on these activities in May was due to previous WAID data showing that May is a month with high rates of accidental drowning when Kayaking/Canoeing or SUP. The mini comms toolkits are created for ease of distribution by our partners in the comms Subgroup. Social media assets detailing the water safety code specific to these sports were created, alongside pre-written tweets to be posted on social media pages. The water safety code for Kayaking/Canoeing was created with help from our partners Paddle Scotland and Glenmore Lodge. Our SUP water safety code was supported by Paddle Scotland, Glenmore Lodge, and the Scottish Surfing Federation.

To marry well with the social media assets, WSS worked with our partner Paddle Scotland to create videos that detailed the water safety codes specific to these sports. Paddle Scotland's Development Manager, Calum McNicol took the lead in these videos to detail how to take part in these water-based activities, supported through his invaluable knowledge and expertise of the sports. These videos were filmed at a common site for both of these sports and captured Calum actively setting up and partaking in the sports. These visual aids help support the learning of the three step water safety code.

You can see the activity codes and videos by using the links below: Kayaking video:

<https://youtu.be/xUVh2Wx6eHU>

Kayaking activity code: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2br32p>

SUP video: <https://youtu.be/cwLUR-7Gynw>

SUP activity code: <https://tinyurl.com/3afdrjvw>

Emma Dudley, RoSPA/Water Safety Scotland

Institution of Gas Engineers & Managers (IGEM)

IGEM is working with Gas Safe Register and our Scottish Section on this year's Gas Safety Week campaign to raise awareness of gas safety and the importance of taking care of gas appliances. We have booked the Fleming Room (Committee Room 3) on Tuesday 10 September (1800-2000) with Claire Adamson, MSP, who has kindly agreed to host us and we will be arranging speakers from industry with aim of raising awareness of CO.

Ian McCluskey, Head of Technical and Policy, IGEM

An update from Liz Lumsden

Just before Liz Lumsden left RoSPA she found out she had been nominated to attend the King's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Liz was asked to choose which of two dates she would like to attend and opted for 8th May as it was the birthday of her good friend she took as her guest. The sun shone the entire day and after a short queue outside the Palace gates the 7,000 guests were admitted at 3 pm. Liz knew her way around the Palace Gardens having been there before when RoSPA celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2017. The delicious afternoon tea was available from 3.30 pm and catered for all dietary requirements. The King and Queen joined the Party at 4 pm and separately made their way through the crowds to the Royal Tea Tent where they were joined by previously selected invited guests. Among the crowds Liz got some great photos of the King and Queen as well as the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and Princess Anne who were also mingling with the guests. The ice cream which was served later was welcomed in the afternoon heat before having a stroll around the extensive gardens. At 6 pm guests started to reluctantly make their way out from what was a fantastic event.