

Cross-Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Tuesday April 1st 2025 18:00-20:00

(Scottish Parliament and online)

MSPs

Clare Adamson (SNP)	Convener
Claire Baker (Scot Lab)	Deputy Convener

Speakers

Name	Organisation
Alex Petrie	CBES Ltd
Karen McDonnell	RoSPA
Simon Bradshaw	Cycling Scotland

Members

Name	Organisation
Alan Purves	SSERC
Alex Petrie	IOSH Scotland
Alistair Taylor	Scottish Government
Anna Jones	Scottish Trauma Network
Caitlin Taylor	RoSPA
Carlene McAvoy	RoSPA
Caroline Lawrie	SGN
Emma Dudley	RoSPA
Judith Montgomery	Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, STN
Karen McDonnell	RoSPA
Kathleen Jenkins	Scottish Hazards
Scott Mackellar	Fire Brigade Union Scotland
William Harley	Fife Council Housing and Safer Communities Service
Lorraine Duncan	MSP Clare Adamson's Office

Online

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Amanda Casey	Filshill / West of Scotland IOSH
Ben Tocher	City of Edinburgh Council
Brian Topping	Safety Advocate
Dawn Maclean	IOSH Scotland
Fred Cullum	Safety Advocate
Hannah Dale	British Psychological Society
Jeanette Reid	City of Edinburgh Council
Jim Dorman	St Andrew's First Aid
Katie Bruce	Royal Hospital for Children and Young People
Katrina Phillips	Child Accident Prevention Trust
Kirstin Thomson	COBIS network
Robert Atkinson	Public Health Scotland
Shahnoor Amin	Public Health Scotland
Sheena Harper	Royal Life Saving Society UK
Simon Bradshaw	Cycling Scotland
Dr Stephen Bridgman	Public Health Scotland

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Alastair MacGregor	SSERC
Bob Cairney	SELECT
Calum McNicol	Paddle Scotland
Caroline Wilson	The Risk Factory
Christopher Bell	Society of Chief Officers of Trading Standards in Scotland
Elizabeth Lumsden	Safety Advocate
Gill Burton	Scottish Cot Death Trust
Gordon Hunter	Scottish Swimming
Ian McCluskey	Institution of Gas Engineers & Managers (IGEM)
James Broun	RoSPA
John Lunn	CEO Scottish Swimming
Karter Kane	Electrical Safety First
Lesley Clark	Director, Neighbourhood Watch Scotland
Lynn Hill	Fife Council Housing and Safer Communities Service
Michelle McKenna	North Lanarkshire Council Trading Standards and Consumer and Public Interest Network (CPIN)
Rhiain Reynolds	RoSPA
Sarah Hill	Gas Safe Register
Scott MacRory	Fire Brigade Union Scotland
Scott Sanford	SNIPeF
Sylvia McKay	Safety Advocate
Jenny Bruce	Care and Repair Forum Scotland

1 Welcome

The convener, Clare Adamson MSP, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked RoSPA for sponsoring the refreshments.

2 Present and apologies

See lists above.

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms Adamson asked the group for a seconder of the minutes from the February CPG meeting. Dr Steven Bridgman enquired for minor amendments to the minutes of the February CPG meeting. Dr Brigman proposed the minutes following these minor edits. Judith Montgomery seconded the minutes of the February CPG meeting.

4 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Headlines newsletter

Carlene McAvoy briefly went through the contents of the Headlines Newsletter (appendix 1) which have been circulated ahead of the meeting. Carlene McAvoy thanked those that contributed and reminded everyone that they are welcome to include updates for future meetings.

6 CPG name change

Ms Adamson opened the floor to discuss the CPG's potential name change and highlighted the proposal paper and RoSPA's response paper.

Brian Topping noted that he thinks the current name covers the aims of the CPG. Shahnoor Amin explained the reasoning behind the proposed name change.

Carlene McAvoy mentioned RoSPA's paper to keep the original CPG name and outline the four arguments in favour of retaining the name.

William Harley noted issues with the new proposed name change around issues of blame.

Fred Cullum agreed with the notion to keep the original CPG name.

Robert Atkinson agreed to keep the original name change (online).

Ms Adamson noted to keep the current CPG name for the remainder of this Session of Parliament. Clare actioned to take further views on the CPG name change from CPG members not in attendance.

Ms Adamson then thanked Rhia Reynolds for her help within the CPG and noted Karen McDonnell was leaving RoSPA and thanked for her work within the CPG and Road Safety in Scotland.

7 Presentations

Alex Petrie, HSEQ Advisory with CBES Ltd, presented on CBES – Driving Safety Culture – Our Behavioural Journey.

Alex Petrie is a HSEQ advisor with CBES Ltd, a construction & engineering business operating nationwide from Glasgow. Alex also supports the business with the management of occupational road risk, involving data collection & analysis, reporting and distribution of road risk communications. Alex is currently chair of the IOSH West of Scotland & Scotland Communities and is a firm believer in leadership through engagement.

Simon Bradshaw, Cycling Road Safety Manager, Cycling Scotland, presented on Improving Road Safety for Active Models.

Simon was a police officer for 31 years, with much of his career spent in Road Policing involved in road safety enforcement and partnership working. He retired from Police Scotland as a superintendent in 2022 in the role of Deputy Head of Road Policing. In November 2022 he was appointed as Cycling Road Safety Manager at Cycling Scotland, a new post with a remit to work with and support partners to improve safety for people on bikes.

Karen McDonnell, Head of Global Relations at RoSPA, presented on “A Socio-ecological Model of Drowsy Driving in the UK: Are we there yet? How can people, organisations and society as a whole take ownership.

Karen is a highly motivated advocate for safety and health, skilled in partnership working, with a track record of working with and through key stakeholders across the world. Karen has worked for RoSPA for over 35 years whilst encouraging the adoption of a 'wholeperson wholelife' approach to OHS that puts people at the heart of sustainability

Presentations are available on the RoSPA website at [Cross Party Group - RoSPA](#)

8 Questions and answer session

Alex Petrie, HSEQ advisory with CBES Ltd – Driving Safety Culture

Ms Adamson asked Alex Petrie what kind of technology are in the vans.

Alex Petrie explained that each vehicle has a black box to measure speed, miles travelled etc. Alex Petrie mentioned a new app for driver's that explains their driving style.

Lorraine Duncan asked if it was driver's behaviours and management's expectations that was the reason for changes within driving safety culture.

Alex Petrie explained that instead of basing disciplinarys off of data from the app and black boxes CBES Ltd take a collaborative approach that allows for managers to

utilise Driver Improvement Plans (DIPs) to improve driving safety culture within the organisation. Alex Petrie noted the success of DIPs for CBES Ltd employees.

Simon Bradshaw, Cycling Road Safety Manager, Cycling Scotland, presented on Improving Road Safety for Active Models.

Ms Adamson enquired about Road journey counting and the benefits.

Simon Bradshaw explained that this is a Road journey camera and that the purpose of the camera is to record any evidential accidents. Simon Bradshaw added that Road journey counting helps with data collection. Simon Bradshaw explained that Police Scotland are working towards a similar initiative to other nations within the UK which helps widen the space of enforcement and, thus, improve road safety.

Karen McDonnell asked Simon Bradshaw about a possible project on accidents with e-bikes, dirt-bikes and e-scooters

Simon Bradshaw explained that accidents with e-bikes is a topic Cycling Scotland have looked into, in particular the use of e-bikes etc with food delivery drivers. Simon Bradshaw noted the issue of ease of amending e-bikes to create e-motorbikes and also highlighted issues of anti-social behaviour.

Karen McDonnell mentioned issues of 'witnesses' and children on e-bikes.

Simon Bradshaw agreed and added that there are issues of people being able to buy e-bikes without regulations.

Ms Adamson highlighted the safety issue of charging e-bikes in homes.

Karen McDonnell, Head of Global Relations at RoSPA, presented on "A Socio-ecological Model of Drowsy Driving in the UK: Are we there yet? How can people, organisations and society as a whole take ownership.

Ms Adamson asked Karen McDonnell if the legal responsibility on an employer on tired employees. Ms Adamson highlighted a particular issue of drowsy driving within NHS employees.

Karen McDonnell explained that SCORSA have had discussions with the NHS when working on this research.

Karen McDonnell asked Alex Petrie how is best to understand issues of drowsiness amongst employees.

Alex Petrie mentioned the importance of policies within the workplace and noted issues of drowsy driving within members of the armed forces.

Karen McDonnell highlighted the importance of acknowledging Scotland's roads as being a shared space.

Shahnoor Amin commented on importance of staffing issues within the NHS impacting drowsy driving.

Dr Stephen Bridgman asked Simon Bradshaw if there is enough data on e-bikes and asked if Public Health Scotland could collaborate with Cycling Scotland to help with this data. Simon agreed to working with Public Health Scotland on this further.

Dr Stephen Bridgman noted that Public Health Scotland are currently working with Transport Scotland to find out more information. Brian Topping thanked the speakers. Brian Topping noted the issue of the current state of roads in Scotland. Fred Cullum commented on the importance of taking account of electric bikes hitting pedestrian on roads and pavements.

9 Close & Date of the Next Meeting

Ms Adamson thanked the group for their attendance and noted that the next meeting is on June 3rd on Child Safety.

Ms Adamson asked the group for a sponsor for the refreshments at future meetings.

Appendix 1

Headlines Newsletter

Child Safety Week

The Child Accident Prevention Trust's [Child Safety Week](#) runs from Monday 2 to Sunday 8 June 2025. Sparking safety conversations and activities Scotland-wide, Child Safety Week helps families understand the risks and gives them the confidence to put safety into practice.

We live in a world awash with misinformation. That's why, for Child Safety Week 2025, our theme is **Safety is for sharing**. We're asking you to share our expert safety advice with as many people as you can.

Three simple things to do now

It's quick and easy to get started for Child Safety Week 2025:

- Put the date in your diary.
- [Sign up](#) for updates so you don't miss out on free resources and advice.
- Share [this link](#) so your colleagues can sign up too.

Tombstoning Resource

On the 25th of March 2025, Water Safety Scotland released a new education resource on Tombstoning. The Tombstoning workshop PowerPoint was created by RoSPA and SFRS. WSS, through RoSPA, and the RNLI hosted a focus group in July 2024 with 7 young people from the Rural and Urban Training Scheme (RUTS) to present the PowerPoint to the group and ask for their opinions and suggestion on what could be improved. It was concluded from the focus group that the existing PowerPoint was a beneficial means of educating the target audience on the risks of Tombstoning. The group asked for the addition of a video with a first responder, that WSS created with HMCG and added to the PowerPoint. Moreover, they also asked for a leaflet to accompany the workshop resource, which was created. All of the resources are freely available on the [Water Safety Scotland website](#).

Emma Dudley, Water Safety Scotland

