Minutes

1. Welcome: Clare Adamson MSP (Convener)

Clare Adamson, MSP, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She paid special thanks to Mark Ruskell, MSP, who indicated that he wanted to become a member of the group. Ms Adamson expressed her thanks to Wayne Mackay and Electrical Safety First for covering the catering costs for the evening.

2. Minute’s Silence

Ms Adamson asked the group to take part in a one minute silence in respect of the victims of the recent fire in Grenfell Tower, London.

3. Present and Apologies

Ms Adamson advised that a list of those present and apologies submitted had been collated by the Secretary and would be attached as an Appendix to the Minutes of the Meeting (See Appendix One).

Ms Adamson reminded all those present to sign the Sederunt as it was important to keep accurate records of those attending.
A welcome was given to Mr Fred Young of Scottish Schools Education Research Centre. Ms Adamson went on to welcome Carlene McAvoy, of RoSPA, who was stepping in for Elizabeth Lumsden as the secretary for the meeting.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (29th March 2017 – circulated previously)

a. Accuracy: Ms Adamson advised the following amendments:

- The date of the LoCHER launch should have been 2nd and not 26th June.
- Martin Millar and Ruth Johnston both submitted apologies but were omitted from the list.

Subject to these amendments, the minutes were proposed by Brian Topping as a true record and Michael Avril seconded this proposal.

b. Matters Arising:

Ms Adamson advised she had written to the two Cabinet Secretaries as requested by the Group. The responses are attached as Ministerial Correspondence at Appendix Two.

5. Presentation: Mr Mark Ruskell, MSP. 20 mph in residential areas

Ms Adamson introduced Mark Ruskell, MSP, as a re-elected MSP in May 2016, having served Mid Scotland and Fife between 2003 and 2007. During this time, Mark served on
the Environment Committee and introduced legislative proposals on climate targets and GM Crops. In this session, Mark is a member of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee. He has been a Councillor in Stirling since 2012. Outside of politics, Mark has managed community development projects, worked in the renewables sector and for conservation bodies in Scotland.

Mr Ruskell thanked Ms Adamson for the opportunity to speak on the “Twenty’s Plenty” Members Bill.

Mark explained that the “Twenty’s Plenty” Bill is his backbench Member’s Bill which is currently within the proposal stage and is seeking to change the default speed limit in residential areas from 30mph to 20mph. Mark highlighted that local authorities would still be able to exempt certain areas for traffic management, but the default speed nationally in all residential areas would be set to 20mph. The purpose of the bill is to make the streets safer in order to reduce injuries and save lives. In addition, the bill would make it safer and more attractive for cycling and walking as well as reducing pollution and car emissions.

Mr Ruskell highlighted that the Bill is still in the proposal stage and consultation is underway with partners such as Police Scotland and COSLA. He explained that currently within Scotland, there is an incomplete and inconsistent approach to 20mph zones. Converting all residential areas to 20mph in this national approach would overcome this issue.

The bill is currently in consultation and the enforcement of the 20mph zone is being scoped with Police Scotland. There are numerous approaches to help reduce speed including purpose built chicanes, speed activated signs and average speed cameras. Average speed cameras could be a strong possibility for 20mph zone areas. Mark noted that there were copies of the
consultation document available and would welcome any responses from the Group.

Ms Adamson thanked Mark for his presentation and recalled the roll out of 20mph zones in her local area of North Lanarkshire when she was a Councillor. Questions and comments were invited.

Brian Topping noted that he supported the idea of 20mph residential zones. Brian went on to ask if having this national approach would allow for speed bumps to be discontinued. Brian noted that speed bumps put valuable seconds onto emergency service access. Mark noted that speed bumps are problematic and are generally placed to mark the difference between a 30mph and 20mph zone. Mark suggested that speed bumps may only be therefore necessary in some problematic areas, if a national 20mph zone was rolled out.

Andrew Fraser, of Falkirk Council, noted that in his opinion 20mph zones where necessary but not always possible for drivers to keep to the limit. He suggested that recent research from Manchester City has led to the ending of a 20mph zone project as no differences had been made. Andrew suggested that the key to reducing speed was with Intelligent Speed Assistance and not chicanes or speed cameras. Mark responded that he had not considered intelligent speed assistance but would like to receive more information and evidence on it. Ms Adamson noted that as the Co-Convenor of the CPG on Science and Technology, she is aware of developments in the “internet of things” and there are useful possibilities through technology that are worth exploring. Ms Adamson went on to ask the group in their professional and other capacities to respond to the consultation.
6. Annual General Meeting

a) Election of Office Bearers

Ms Adamson handed over to the Secretary. Carlene asked the group for nominations for the Convenor of the group.

Brian Topping nominated Clare Adamson to continue as Convenor. Mark Ruskell seconded this proposal.

Ms Adamson thanked the group and suggested that as the two Vice Chairs Oliver Mundell, MSP and David Stewart, MSP had not indicated otherwise that they could continue. Ms Adamson also asked Mark Ruskell, MSP if he would like to become a Vice Convenor. Mark responded that he was happy to join as a Member. Martin Hunt seconded the proposal. Additional Members were confirmed as Alex Cole-Hamilton, MSP and Stuart McMillan, MSP.

Ms Adamson proposed that RoSPA continue as Secretariat. This was seconded unanimously by the Group.

b) Annual Return

Copies of the draft Annual Return were circulated. Any amendments were requested to be with the Secretary by June 23rd. (Update: final copy (Appendix Three) was forwarded to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee on June 27, 2017 and is attached at Appendix Three.)
7. Mr Sandy Allan, Road Safety Manager, RoSPA Scotland. *Child car seats explained.*

Ms Adamson introduced Sandy as follows: For over 30 years, Sandy was an officer with Lothian and Borders Police, serving in many areas and disciplines including Criminal Investigation and Traffic. During the last four years of his service, he was the Operational Lead within Road Policing. As a Road Policing Officer, he undertook advanced car and motorcycle driving courses and was a recognised Collision Investigator. Following his retirement he remained with the Force as Road Safety Coordinator for the Lothian’s and Scottish Borders area. As RoSPA’s Road Safety Manager in Scotland, Sandy has developed the work of the Society particularly around driving for work and promoting campaigns aimed at reducing casualties.

Sandy’s presentation will be made available on the RoSPA website at [http://www.rospa.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/cross-party-group](http://www.rospa.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/cross-party-group) in due course.

Questions were invited and Jacqui Doig, of SCSN, asked whether it was known what guidance was given to the third sector in car restraints e.g. after school clubs, youth clubs. Sandy responded that the legal guidance is for car vehicles only and different regulations apply to buses and mini coaches. If there were to be an injury, it will fall under duty of care.

Ms Adamson asked if there was a legal definition for a car and at what stage the legislation changes. Sandy responded that 5 to 7 seater are still classified as a car but over 9 is a mini bus and different legislation applies. These are exempt from child restraints but still face the issue of duty of care.
Fred Young, of SSERC, enquired into how legislation sits with regards to teachers regularly transporting students within their own cars. Sandy noted that normal seat belt legislation applies and added the teacher would be under a duty of care and would expect to see a risk assessment in place.

Daniel Doherty, BAFSA, asked where private hire transport sits in regards to legislation. Sandy noted licensed taxi/private hire vehicles are exempt by legislation from using child restraints and dependant on their age, a child may travel unrestrained or use an adult seatbelt. Often with regular contracted services, such as school runs, Local Authorities require restraints to be used as a duty of care may still apply.

Brian topping asked if there was legislation around training for sellers of the actual child restraints and how to fit them. Sandy responded that there is no specific legislation for staff to be trained but specific companies like Halfords and Mothercare who specialise in child restraints send their staff on formal and recognised training. Unfortunately, this is not the case for many other sellers.

Christopher Bell, of Edinburgh Council, noted that Trading standards look at product safety. He noted that every restraint would have manufacturer’s instructions on how to fit the product. Sandy echoed this and noted that every child restraint sold in the UK would also have a sticker with instructions as well as the paper instructions.

Lesley Nish, of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, noted her enthusiasm for 20 mph zones. She suggested that it may be necessary to consider wider child safety around child restraints and specifically sudden death injury.
Sandy responded saying manufactures were aware of relevant research and considered the angle at which a restraint sat in a car. There were often guidelines on how long a child should be left in their car seat as well.

8. Secretary’s Report

Carlene McAvoy tabled the Secretary’s Report and highlighted that Martin Millar had retired from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and had been replaced by Stuart Stevens. Carlene also highlighted the already mentioned Annual Return and noted that all current members were listed.

The Secretary’s Report is attached as Appendix Four.

9. Update from last CPG

Ms Adamson asked Michael Avril, Chair of Water Safety Scotland, to give an update since the last meeting on Water Safety.

Michael Avril thanked everyone who had attended the Water Safety meeting and provided feedback to the draft response to the UK Drowning Prevention Strategy. An overview of the responses can be found at Appendix Five. Michael noted that since the last meeting, the strategy subgroup has decided to host two focus groups on suicide and recreational activity. These are planned for July and anybody interested in attending can contact watersafetyscotland@rospa.com.

The last meeting also shed light on the general lack of understanding of WAID – The Water Incident Database. As part of Water Safety Scotland’s work, George Rawlinson, of the National Water Safety Forum, has agreed to ask WAID for a FAQ document.
Ms Adamson thanked Michael for his update and noted the good feedback she had received on how interactive the session was and extended her thanks to Water Safety Scotland.

10. **Headlines**  
Ms Adamson spoke to the circulated newsletter and highlighted the following contents:

Blueproof won a prestigious award at the Concours Lépine International Competition in Paris.

Ms Adamson went on to congratulate RoSPA on its Centenary and noted that she was delighted to be invited to the recent Garden Party. Brian Topping asked if there were plans for RoSPA to host a smaller event for Scotland to celebrate as the cost of going to London was not possible for everyone.

Carlene responded that she would take this suggestion back to RoSPA. Sandy Allan, noted that as a result of RoSPA’s patron being the Queen – Buckingham Palace was the most appropriate place for such a centenary event.

Ms Adamson noted a recent motion in Parliament which congratulated RoSPA and also brought attention to Child Safety Week. Information on this can be found in the Headlines newsletter.

The Headlines newsletter is attached as Appendix Six.

11. **Any Other Business**

Christopher Bell, of Edinburgh Council, noted there current work with Information Services Division. Trading standards look
at products to make sure they meet correct standards. They are currently working with ISD to try and get A& E data around products so that new and emerging trends can be identified. Christopher went on to say that he will keep the group posted on this.

Christopher went on to show a video about trading standards which highlights the work they do. This can be accessed at: https://youtu.be/ndZ7maY-0a0

Jacqui Doig, of SCSN, noted the good work that trading standards do with scams and how although statistics are useful, the case studies are also important to show the human story behind the scam.

Christopher asked the group to share the video and highlight the work that Trading Standards do.

12. Reflection and Sum Up

Ms Adamson asked the group if they would be interested in hosting a joint meeting with the CPG on Older People, Age and Aging. Sandra White, MSP is the current convener of this group.

The group agreed to the idea of a joint meeting which would be in addition to the normal group meetings.

13. Date of next meetings: Wednesday 8th November and; Wednesday 17th January 2018, both at 6.00 pm. Ms Adamson noted that the next meeting had the suggestion of road safety and looking at the success of the A9 average speed cameras.
Andrew Fraser, of Falkirk Council, asked if it would be possible to secure a speaker on Intelligent Speed Assistance as well as a speaker on how drivers see e.g. hazard perception, cognitive abilities). He agreed to try and find a speaker to cover these topics.

Andy Cathro suggested that it would be useful for one meeting to focus on looking back at the original speakers and how things have progressed. Ms Adamson suggested that reflective updates may be a possibility for the January meeting. Lesley Nish noted that she would be happy to provide an update on the work of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Brian Topping suggested that he would like a future meeting to include the success of home zones. Jacqui Doig said she could speak with Kenny McHugh, Development Officer (Scotland & Ireland) of Police Crime Prevention Initiatives Ltd (Secured by Design) on this issue.

Martin Hunt also suggested an update on Blueproof and that he was able to take the product to various locations across Scotland so that it could be seen in action.

Ms Adamson thanked all for their attendance and noted that there were currently 93 Cross Party Groups. Ms Adamson went on to thank her staff Lis, Kate, Nicky, Amna and Ryan for their support.

Ms Adamson asked for and ideas for speakers to be sent to the Secretary.
Appendix One

Attendees and apologies

MSPs
Clare Adamson, MSP  Convenor
Mark Ruskell, MSP  Speaker

Members
Robert Atkinson  Healthy Working Lives
Allister Atkinson  Bluerad
Michael Avril  Water Safety Scotland
Christopher Bell  SCOTSS
Andy Cathro  Scotland Colleges H & S Development Network Group
Brian Connell  NWS
Danny Doherty  BAFSA
Jacqui Doig  SCSN
Andrew Fraser  Falkirk Council
Martin Hunt  Tartan Silk
Ruth Johnston  NHS Health Scotland
Caroline Lawrie  SGN
Wayne Mackay  Electrical Safety First
Sylvia McKay  Hopscotch Nursery
Lesley Nish  NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Norman Stevenson  Safety Groups UK/Scottish Chamber of Safety
Douglas Watt  Actavo
Fred Young  SSERC
Dave Forrester  SELECT

In attendance
Lis Bardell  Clare Adamson’s office
Kate Barclay  Clare Adamson’s office
Amna Ahmed  Clare Adamson’s office
Ryan McCuaig  Clare Adamson’s office
Carlene McAvoy  Secretariat, RoSPA

Invited Attendees/Observers/Speakers
Sandy Allan  RoSPA
Sheena Harper  RLSSUK
Brian Topping  Safety Advocate

Apologies
Barry Baker  HSE
Jackie Baillie  MSP
Tom Beattie  Safety Advocate
Chris Bielby  SGN
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Appendix Two

Ministerial Correspondence

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport
Shona Robison MSP

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To Clare Adamson MSP
The Scottish Parliament
EDINBURGH
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Scottish Parliament
2 MAY 2017
Clare Adamson MSP

Dear Clare,

Thank you for your letter of 29 March 2017 regarding the Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness’s interest about progress in the social care sector in ensuring that fair work principles are included in the strategic commissioning plans under each integration joint board.

All Integration Authorities completed their strategic commissioning plans by 1 April 2016, as required. Generally, these set out the vision, aims, ambitions and outcomes that each Integration Authority will seek to deliver, over the life of their plan. Those Integration Authorities that were established in 2015 have, or are in the process of, developing further iterations, clearly demonstrating that the plans are dynamic and being actively used.

A number of plans contain a high level summary of workforce issues and some indicate wider work is being undertaken on developing an integrated workforce strategy. A few contain outline workforce strategies. The Scottish Government has stated that it will be imperative that these integrated workforce plans carefully consider and seek to address the panoply of issues for staff in health and social care services, including in the third and independent sectors. It is in these integrated workforce plans that we would expect to see fair work principles and practices fully reflected.

The Scottish Government believes that every employee across Scotland should receive a fair level of pay and is committed to promoting Fair Work practices across all sectors. Our aspiration is that all workers should be paid at least the Living Wage. In 2016/17 we allocated significant investment of £250 million to health and social care partnerships to protect and grow social care and deliver our shared priorities — including paying the Living Wage to care workers supporting adults. This resource enabled local authorities to pay the Living Wage of £8.25 an hour from 1 October 2016 to care workers in care homes and care at home/housing support settings, including the independent and third sector and gave...
thousands of care workers, carrying out some of the most valuable work in Scotland, a well-deserved pay rise.

Building on this investment, on 1 November 2016 we announced our continued commitment to the delivery of the Living Wage and sustainability in the sector with an additional £100 million resource. This enables the Living Wage to be paid, on a full year basis and at the new rate of £9.45 per hour from 1 May 2017.

As well as the Living Wage commitment we also place great importance on the need to encourage fair work practices, including the training, development and broader terms and conditions, which influence and underpin social care as a quality career option. We have, and will continue to work, in partnership with local authorities and care providers to progress this agenda in the sector.

I hope that this information is helpful for members.

Best wishes,

SHONA ROBISON
Dear Clare

Thank you for your letter dated 29 March 2017 regarding interest from the Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness on the incorporation of fair work principles in Scottish Government procurement processes and procedures.

Improving unacceptable working conditions regardless of status, sector or location is part of our fair work agenda, which the independent Fair Work Convention is at the forefront of. Collaborative working is central to the Convention’s promotion of fair work and includes ensuring all employers understand the benefits of an effective voice.

The Scottish Government firmly believes that employers whose staff are treated fairly, who are well-rewarded, well-motivated, well-led, have access to appropriate opportunities for training and skills development, and who are a diverse workforce are likely to deliver a higher quality of service. We therefore expect businesses who deliver public contracts to adopt fair work practices for all workers engaged on delivering the public contract, and in October 2015 we published statutory guidance on Addressing Fair Work Practices, including the Living Wage, in Procurement. This requires Scottish public bodies from 1 November 2015, to consider, before undertaking a procurement exercise, whether it is relevant and proportionate to include a question on fair work practices, which would be evaluated along with other relevant criteria.
The Scottish Government’s Procurement Strategy published in December 2016 includes a statement of its policy on paying the Living Wage to people involved in delivering contracts. The policy is to have regard to the Fair Work statutory guidance at as early a stage as possible in all procurement processes. This ensures that where relevant to how a contract is delivered, assessing a business’s approach to fair work practices can be an important part of the procurement exercise. At the end of the 2017/18 financial year, the Scottish Government will produce an annual procurement report of performance against the procurement strategy.

I hope this is helpful in providing background information on how the fair work practices are incorporated into Scottish Government procurement processes.

Keith Brown
## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

### DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED

The date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.

8 June 2016

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

14 June 2017

### DATE OF PRECEDING AGM

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### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

June 27th 2017

### GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

8 June 2016

Attendance: 3 MSPs and 1 Government Minister
25 Non-MSPs

Topic discussed: **Re-registration of the Group and Election of Office Bearers**
Topics for future meetings were also discussed.

Guest Speakers: Annabelle Ewing MSP and Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs

16 November 2016

Attendance: 2 MSPs

28 Non-MSPs

Topic Discussed: **Domestic Fire and Product Safety**

Guest speakers: Wayne Mackay, Electrical Safety First
Lesley Nish, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Martin Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Peter Wignall, Bluerad

18 January 2017

Attendance: 2 MSPs and 1 Government Minister

42 Non-MSPs

Topic discussed: **Occupational Safety**

Guest speakers: Young people undertaking Mark Scott Leadership for Life Awards
Lilian Macer, Unison
Sarah Jones, HSE
Robert Atkinson, Healthy Working Lives
Kathy Jenkins, Scottish Hazards Campaign

29 March 2017

Attendance 2 MSPs

45 Non-MSPs

Topic discussed: **Water Safety**

Guest Speaker: Michael Avril, RNLI
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| Fire Brigade Union Scotland  
| First Aid UK  
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**GROUP OFFICE BEARERS**
Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of
the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a
matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is
permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-
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**FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single
source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more
than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance
such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing
support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent
providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is
employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the
value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm
that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under
the threshold for disclosure (£500).

The benefit of RoSPA providing the secretariat to the Group and, for support to four
meetings per year, it is estimated will come to the nominal amount of £2,720.

This in kind cost of £2,720 is an estimate referring to ten days (at £272 per day) of
the RoSPA worker’s time over a year to both support and attend the meetings (i.e.
four days to attend four meetings and one day to ‘support’ each of them (e.g.
preparing and distributing agendas and minutes, time for phone calls, emails, liaison
with members etc.)

The daily cost of £272 is worked out by including all the costs to RoSPA involved in
employing the staff member such as: salary, national insurance, car allowance,
heating, lighting, rent (and other office costs etc.) as well as central admin services.
(e.g. accounts, IT, HR, website, information centre etc.)

The cost of catering for the meetings of the Group has been met as follows:

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Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

No subscription fees have been charged.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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The Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Wednesday 14th June, 2017
6.00 pm till 8.00 pm Committee Room 6, the Scottish Parliament.

Secretary’s Report

AGM

I’d like to thank the Group for the continuing opportunity to provide the Secretariat. The last year has seen many actions being followed up as direct result of the presentations heard and discussions had at the meetings of the Group. The networking that goes on between organisations, agencies and individuals remains impressive. Thanks also to all of you who have submitted items for the Headlines Newsletter. RoSPA would be delighted to continue to provide the role of Secretariat to this CPG if acceptable to the members.

Elizabeth Lumsden

Correspondence

Excellent feedback has been received by the Secretary regarding the format of the last meeting which was held in March and looked at Water Safety.

A response was received from Shona Robison, MSP, and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport regarding this Group's question to her regarding fair work principles. Copies of the response are available on request.

Details on the LoCHER launch were distributed to the members via Andy Cathro of Scotland Colleges Health and Safety Development Network Group

Martin Hunt provided a thank you letter for circulation to the membership regarding the recent success of Blueproof in receiving an international award. Several notes of congratulations on this achievement were received in response.

Draft Annual Return

The draft Annual Return has been circulated. Please advise the Secretary on elumsden@rospa.com of any errors or omissions by June 23, 2017. Otherwise, in accordance with the Code of Conduct, the Annual Return will be forwarded to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee as requested within 30 days of the date of the AGM.
Members

Martin Millar of Scotland’s Fire and Rescue Service recently retired. He will be replaced on the CPG by Stuart Stevens.

Scottish Schools Education Research Centre has joined the Group and will be represented by its Chief Executive, Mr Fred Young.

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 Five

Feedback from combined meeting Accident Prevention & Marine Tourism Cross Party Groups, 29th March 2017.

Water Safety Scotland presented the Draft Scottish Response to National Drowning Prevention Strategy and facilitated a break out consultation session where attendees broke into six groups with different topics. The groups were tasked to discuss the questions and recorded their answers to be fed back to Water Safety Scotland.

Six Group Topics & Questions

Promote and develop water safety education and initiatives within primary and secondary schools.

- How can we develop water safety education so children can understand water based risk?
- What would a water safety education standard look like?
- How can we ensure children learn to swim?
- How can we ensure further research in swimming participation and ability?

Promote public awareness of water related risks and ensure a consistent message through campaigns and communications.

- How can we help to raise awareness of water related risks?
- How can we get more people interested in water safety?
- Water Safety Scotland and WAID has identified that men over the age of 50 are at the highest risk. What can we do to target this demographic?
- Another key area is children under five. What could we do to raise awareness with parents?

Water related suicide – in addition to accidental drowning, we intend to better understand water-related suicide.

- How can water safety Scotland assist with suicide prevention?
- Who does Water Safety Scotland need to engage with to better understand suicide?
- Should suicide prevention be included in Scotland’s drowning prevention strategy?
- Are there any known Areas of Concern involving water that have been identified within your geographical areas?

Improve fatality and incident data across Scotland by advocating WAID and sharing WAID reports with partner organisations and local authorities.

- Do you know what WAID is?
- How can we promote WAID?
- How can we encourage organisations to contribute to WAID?
- What do you think of the case study? Should we pilot something similar in Scotland?

Develop water safety across Scotland’s 32 local authority areas and promote the use of a water safety policy.

- How can we enthuse local authorities to sign up to a water safety policy?
- How can water safety Scotland support local authorities to produce a policy?
• Who should be involved in producing a local authority policy?
• What might some of the barriers be in developing such a policy and how can we overcome these?

Promote the safe use of water for recreational activities across Scotland in partnership with the relevant national governing bodies

• How can we promote safe use of water sites?
• How can we engage recreational groups and users?
• How can Water Safety Scotland engage National Governing Bodies?
• How can National Governing Bodies ensure their members are kept safe on the water?

Main Outcomes of Feedback received

• Focus groups to be held in July to discuss in more detail how governing bodies can assist in keeping their membership safe. Work has commenced in establishing a subgroup to directly address this.
• Focus groups to be held in July to discuss in more detail how we can work together to prevent water-based suicides. Work has started to form a Suicide Prevention subgroup of Water Safety Scotland
• Discussions held with National Water Safety Forum about how we can promote Water Incident Database (WAID) in Scotland and a set of FAQs to be produced to help users and interested parties.
• Increased use of social media is required and this is being explored by Water Safety Scotland

General progress

• Extended consultation due to election
• Exhibition to be held in parliament in November with an event in the New Year.

Link to draft response document and feedback site

http://www.watersafetyscotland.org.uk/strategy-response/
Appendix Six

The Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 14th June 2017

6.00 pm till 8.00 pm Committee Room 6, the Scottish Parliament.

HEADLINES

Thanks to those who contributed the following information:

Blueproof wins prestigious award
British low pressure domestic mist system Blueproof™ has won the first prize for innovation at the prestigious Concours Lépine International Competition in Paris. This annual competition, which has been running for 116 years, honours the finest inventions from all over the world; in 2017 there were more than 2000 applications.
Blueproof™ won the first prize from the Préfet de Police, the authority of the Home Secretary and the institute responsible for safety throughout Paris. To be recognized by Préfet de Police is a huge accolade to Blueproof™, acknowledging how important the low pressure mist system is in protecting lives.
Inventor Dave Atkinson said “This accolade demonstrates the importance of our low cost fire suppression device in home safety, and on behalf of my team we are thrilled to be recognised by the most prestigious global award for innovation.”
Blueproof™ is designed to satisfy both BS 9991:2015 for fire safety in the design, management and use of residential buildings and BS 8458:2015 for fixed fire protection systems. Residential and domestic watermist systems.
Blueproof™, which holds a CE mark, is made out of a high tech copolymer smart material that is designed to release water where and when it is needed most in a fire. Fitting onto most radiators, Blueproof™ is designed with a thin wall that forms a nozzle on the surface closest to the heat source, and upon activation releases water and tracks the movement of the fire. The water expands to create vapour, absorbing the energy of the fire and thus reducing temperatures and holding back the spread of fire.
With no power supply required, Blueproof™ uses water already in place in radiators, hence it is like having a personal firefighter in every room in your house. Homeowners can install their own Blueproof™ devices to radiators using instructions provided.
Blueproof™ is already installed in over 30,000 homes in the UK. Winning the ALARM product of the year award in 2016, it is becoming an integral part of fire protection in the home and was presented to the Scottish Parliament where it received much commendation.
From Martin Hunt, Tartan Silk Public Relations

Safety Groups UK - Groups’ News
Norman Stevenson, chairman of the Scottish Chamber of Safety and SGUK Trustee, provides an update on the chamber’s 2017 Awards.
The Scottish Chamber of Safety (SCoS) is the umbrella group and coordinating body of currently eight active occupational health and safety groups in Scotland and it works in very close liaison with Safety Groups UK (SGUK); the larger coordinating body for the 72 groups throughout the UK.
The SCoS awards scheme for group members aims to recognise the innovative work being done to raise the standards of health, safety and environment management in the UK and to share success. The 2017 winners’ presentation ceremony took place recently at the
Scotland Works Exhibition and Conference in Glasgow, where the top award - The Lord Cullen Trophy - was awarded to civil engineering firm, Freyssinet. Freyssinet’s entry was based on an initiative which commenced at the planning stage of a contract to refurbish the tunnel lining of the Glasgow Subway, and it embraced most, if not all, of the segments of the UK strategy for occupational health and safety, Helping GB Work Well.

Christophe Zapirain, Freyssinet’s project manager for the subway contract, gave a presentation on his entry to a meeting and seminar of the Scottish Chamber of Safety, where there was representation from most of the local occupational health and safety groups in Scotland. Also in the audience were representatives from SGUK, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, RoSPA, IOSH, SCHWL, local authorities and many others.

Christophe provided an excellent insight to the firm’s entry (entitled Overhead conveyor and drilling rig), demonstrating throughout how the project had embraced the six principles of the Helping GB Work Well strategy:

1. **Acting together**: This was a joint venture contract working in partnership with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport;
2. **Tackling ill health**: The overhead conveyor used in the project substantially reduced manual handling in a unique environment, thus reducing the risk of injury to muscles, joints and bones;
3. **Managing risk well**: The bespoke drilling rig reduced the amount of working at height for many operatives whilst providing the added value of also reducing exposure to harmful levels of vibration and dust;
4. **Supporting small employers**: Many of the operatives were self-employed agency workers;
5. **Keeping pace with change**: Due to the unique nature of the Glasgow Subway contract, the company had to adapt to the environment in an extremely efficient manner – this was no run-of-the-mill construction job;
6. **Sharing success**: This was adequately demonstrated throughout the presentation by virtue of Christophe’s enthusiastic delivery of his entry and his willingness to share good practice.

The other winners at the Scottish Chamber of Safety Awards were:

- **2nd place**: Scottish Gas Networks for its entry Locking cooker valve received the Scottish Chamber of Safety Silver Punch Bowl;
- **3rd place**: The Binn Group received the Stevenson Shield for its entry on an improved fire management system;
- **4th place**: Brand-Rex received a Certificate of Merit for its entry on an electronic near-miss reporting system;
- Safety Group West Scotland was awarded the Albert Porter Rose Bowl as the Lord Cullen Award winner’s local group.

Also at the presentation ceremony, Tayside Integrated Safety Association was presented with a Distinguished Service Award to celebrate its 70th anniversary and Safety Group West Scotland was awarded a Distinguished Service Award for its 80th anniversary.
My congratulations to all the winners.
Information about the work of the Scottish Chamber of Safety can be found on its website - https://scos.org.uk/
From Norman Stevenson, Scottish Chamber of Safety

Height charts

RoSPA in Scotland has recently received funding from the Scottish Government to print copies of the Height Charts, that were originally designed for use in the Safe at Home project and continued in to Scotland’s Home Safety Equipment Scheme. Parents and carers gave really good feedback from these projects about how useful the Height Charts were as they also contained information on home safety.

We are currently investigating the most appropriate places to distribute copies of this free resource and are keen to find distribution channels to make sure the Height Charts reach those families with young children who would benefit most. We are working with Building Safer Communities, amongst others, to distribute them but would also like to give the opportunity to Cross Party Group members. If this offer is of interest please forward a note of how many copies you would like along with details of which audience they are intended for and how you plan to distribute them locally to elumsden@rospa.com. The Charts are packed in boxes of 350 and full boxes must be picked up from the RoSPA office at Heriot Watt Research Park on the outskirts of Edinburgh – either in person or by courier.
Carbon Monoxide Initiative – opportunity reminder

The Gas Distribution Networks’ Carbon Monoxide Collaboration Forum has recently awarded RoSPA with a project fund of £2,000 to work towards highlighting the dangers of carbon monoxide in Scotland. RoSPA is currently seeking match funding from any interested organisation to help extend the project and reach as many members of the public as possible.

If you would like to express your interest or find out more about the project, please contact Carlene McAvoy, community safety development officer T: 0131 449 9379 E: cmcavoy@rospa.com

From Carlene McAvoy, RoSPA

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US Study
Information available from the US shows that 43 Percent Of Children Who Died From Car Crashes Were Improperly Restrained. You can read the article at:
http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/05/23/529685650/study-finds-20-percent-of-children-killed-in-car-crashes-were-improperly-restrai

Life chances
The following article in Holyrood Magazine highlights how preconception health, education and care matter more than has been realised.
https://www.holyrood.com/articles/comment/life-chances-are-often-shaped-even-we-are-born.

From Dr Jonathan Sher, Independent Consultant

INEQUALITY STREET - which Scottish homes are more at risk?
(A leading safety charity thinks you might be surprised).

Did you know you could be safer living in Scotland’s Private Rented Sector (PRS) than in social housing – or even in your own home?

Electricity is the number one cause of fires in Scottish homes but the law provides varying levels of protection for those living in different housing tenures. So, leading safety charity, Electrical Safety First, is calling on the Scottish Government to ensure that everyone – no matter where they live – are protected from electrical accidents
Over the last couple of years, the Scottish Government has led the way in protecting private tenants by requiring regular electrical checks, by a registered electrician, in all PRS homes. But the legislation doesn't cover those in social housing, or those living in their own homes – despite the fact that they comprise more than 80% of the total housing mix. To help address this, Electrical Safety First has just launched a major campaign called *Inequality Street.*

“There is a clear inconsistency between electrical safety standards in private and social housing – and even more so in relation to owner-occupied homes”, explains Wayne Mackay, Deputy Public Affairs Manager of Electrical Safety First. “While owner occupiers can choose to determine acceptable risk levels in their home, this can be an issue when they live in tenements and flats, where fire can easily spread and impact on other residents. We want a common electrical safety standard for all housing in Scotland. At the moment, we really do have ‘inequality streets’, where one resident might be much better protected from electrical risk than their neighbour next door.”

To help address this, Electrical Safety First is calling for five yearly electrical safety checks to be extended to all social housing and mandatory checks in owner-occupied properties – or, as a first step, in owner-occupied flats. The charity is also lobbying for RCDs, which rapidly cut the current to prevent a fatal electric shock, to be fitted in all rented homes.

**Editor’s Notes**
- The Scottish government is undertaking a number of consultations on housing policy. The current consultation is open until June of this year and can be found at: [https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/better-homes-division/energy-efficiency-programme/](https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/better-homes-division/energy-efficiency-programme/)
  While it focuses on energy efficiency and conditions in the PRS, it includes a question on whether RCDs should be mandatory
- Additional consultations will be opened this winter, which will seek views on electrical safety standards in the owner-occupied and social rented sector.

**For further information, please contact:**
Wayne Mackay
Email: wayne.mackay@electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk

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The Scottish Launch of LOcHER took place at Dundee & Angus College on Friday 2 June 2017

LOcHER stands for Learning Occupational Health by Experiencing Risks. It is designed to provide an interactive approach to engage students and help them learn about managing health risks and protecting their health by experiencing risk control, first hand.

The launch included a presentation on what LOcHER is by Dr Bob Rajan, OBE, HM Principal Inspector of Health & Safety, an example of a method for removing contaminated gloves by Karen Hoskins, Managing Director IBIS Solutions and the showing of a short film on Asbestos made by Prince’s Trust Team 94.

To mark this achievement the Prince’s Trust students and the College were awarded certificates from Norman Stevenson, Chair of the Scottish Chamber of Safety.

The event was attend by representatives from Colleges, Universities, Schools, local businesses and health and safety organisations.
Debate in Scottish Parliament led by Clare Adamson, MSP

That the Parliament notes that Child Safety Week, the flagship annual campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT), takes place this year between 5 and 11 June 2017 and its theme is “sharing is caring”; further notes that accidents are a leading cause of death, serious injury and acquired disability for children and young people in the UK, that they account for three deaths every week and over 2,000 hospital admissions and that many of these accidents can be prevented; commends CAPT’s aim of securing a safer environment for children of all ages by helping families understand the risks, as well as the consequences, but most importantly, the simple ways that accidents can be prevented; further commends work undertaken in Child Safety Week in bringing together individuals and organisations around the UK to promote safety messages to families in a fun and engaging way and encourage parents and carers to increase confidence by sharing experiences and learning; congratulates CAPT and other organisations working in accident prevention on their outstanding dedication, in particular the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) which, this year, celebrates its centenary; notes RoSPA’s past successes from the Tufty Club in the 1960s and the introduction of the seatbelt law in the 1980s, to a successful campaign for moulded plugs in 1992 and EU-wide regulations on looped blind cords in 2014; further notes the new hazards for parents and carers to be aware of such as liquid laundry capsules, button batteries, hair straighteners and nappy sacks, and congratulates all those many organisations that continue to work tirelessly and collaboratively in the field of accident prevention and child safety.

The full discussion can be viewed at