

Local Government and Communities Committee

Consultation of the Scottish Parliament on the Scottish Government's Revised National Outcomes

Submission from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

I wish to submit my concerns regarding the removal of national outcomes and therefore the associated indicators relating to the prevention of unintentional injury in Scotland.

Although there are two proposed new Outcomes which mention the word 'safe' i.e. 'We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe' and 'We grow up loved, safe and respected, so that we realise our full potential', the related indicators do not reflect that these outcomes take account of the role of the prevention of unintentional injuries.

(The previous Outcomes took more cognisance of unintentional injuries especially via:

- Our [children](#) have the best start in life and are ready to succeed.
- We live longer, [healthier lives](#).
- We have improved the life chances for [children, young people and families](#) at risk.
- We live our lives safe from [crime](#), disorder and danger.
- We have strong, resilient and supportive [communities](#) where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.)

The previous indicator of 'Reduce Emergency Admissions to Hospital' is no longer relevant. Where will the prevention of unintentional injuries in the home or in and around water now sit within the new Outcomes? (Under 'what will influence this national indicator' the related paragraph goes on to say *This indicator demonstrates the outcome of work across Community Partnerships to improve health and wellbeing through a wide range of approaches and early interventions. **These include work to reduce accidents and improve safety in the home and elsewhere;***

Furthermore, the previous indicator of 'Reduce deaths on Scotland's Roads' no longer appears to be included – where will the prevention of road accidents now sit and what will be the role of the Scotland's Road Safety Framework beyond its current life to 2020?

We, at RoSPA, would have appreciated more of a role in the consultation around these changes to the Outcomes.

I look forward to receiving your response.