

Minutes of the meeting of the

Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Committee Room 6, Scottish Parliament

Wednesday 27th November 2013

1. Present

See attached list for those attending and Apologies submitted.

2. Welcome

Clare Adamson, MSP and Convenor of the Cross Party Group (CPG) introduced herself and thanked everyone for coming along to the meeting and welcomed all, especially the new members. She clarified that, at present, she was the only MSP attending.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms Adamson highlighted that a few changes were required to be made to the draft Minutes and clarified the procedure for distributing future Minutes as being to circulate to members of the CPG by email and not being posted to the Scottish Parliament website until after they are approved at the following meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes included:

Data collection: Ms Adamson will meet with Dr Tom Beattie, Tricia Spacey, Susan Frame and Elizabeth Lumsden on 4th December in order to prepare a brief for the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing on the data collection issues.

Paddy Tompkins' review of Scotland's open water and flood rescue capabilities: Ms Adamson confirmed she had asked a Parliamentary Question on the progress of the 16 recommendations contained therein. A response is expected at the beginning of December and Ms Adamson will disseminate the response to the CPG in due course.

Members' queries: Mr Dave duFue, of Spokes, had expressed, by email, his concerns about the interpretation of the cycling statistic. Colin Baird of East Lothian Council also highlighted, by email, the concern of SCOTS, Transportation and Road Safety Working Group that his question at the last meeting had not been answered. Ms Adamson reminded all about the purpose of the CPG, what it can and cannot do, and referred members to the Code of Conduct for CPGs and in particular section 6.1.2 and in particular that the role of the CPG is separate from the formal structures of the Scottish Parliament.

Dr Beattie proposed the Minutes as a true record of the discussion and Ms Lesley Nish seconded this proposal.

4. Secretary's Report

Elizabeth Lumsden, RoSPA, drew members' attention to the copies of the Secretary's Report circulated. She highlighted a few points in particular, namely, that membership of the CPG had now increased to 132, a response has been forwarded to the Director of the European Child Safety Alliance (who is interested in examples of good practice in child injury prevention) and funding of catering for future CPGs is not secured beyond the AGM. Ms Lumsden asked all to consider funding future catering, even at a reduced level. She also added to the Report by mentioning paperwork recently received, namely, Data Protection Guidance for CPGs (and confirmed all members' contact details – no sensitive personal information is collected - are only held by RoSPA for the purpose of furnishing the papers related to the CPG), and that the Secretary will be required to complete an Annual Return on the business of the CPG within one month of the AGM.

5. Speakers

Ms Adamson introduced four speakers on the theme of Road Safety as follows: (the four presentations are attached to the Minutes)

Mr Kevin Clinton, RoSPA: Black Box Technology

Questions/comments to Mr Clinton included: clarification by Mr Brian Topping on how the driver's scores were compiled and Dr Beattie commended the work and suggested further work could be done to build on the experience of others in the field of behavioural change.

(Ms Adamson welcomed Fiona McLeod, MSP and Mr James Dornan, MSP to the meeting.)

Mr George Cairns, Glasgow City Council: Drive Safe and Go Safe Scotland

Questions/comments to Mr Cairns included: Mr Topping questioned the best way to engage with groups/communities on this issue and Mr Cairns highlighted how the accessibility of national initiatives and resources such as Go Safe Scotland was welcomed. Ms Irene Miller of NHS Health Scotland mentioned the Good Egg Guides and asked if Go Safe Scotland would provide something more comprehensive and if there was a role for NHS Health Scotland going forward, especially with material for parents. Mr Cairns confirmed this and agreed to speak with Ms Miller further. Ms Kathy Jenkins asked if workplace safety was being considered for inclusion in the future and Mr Cairns confirmed the resource is currently aimed at primary school children and will be continually expanded to meet demand and this could include workplace safety in the future. Ms Tricia Spacey re-iterated the national perspective of this resource and that 'national' support was required as this is a resource that has been missing for a long time.

Ms Adamson advised at this stage that she is on the Education and Culture Committee and suggested she write to the Education Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing regarding progress made to date and ambitions going forward in respect of Go Safe Scotland.

Sylvia McKay suggested that this resource would be useful for pre-school children too.

Mr Robert Atkinson, Healthy Working Lives: HWL and ScoRSA and:

Mr Paul Richardson, Scottish Borders Council: A Road Safety Practitioner Perspective.

Questions/comments to Mr Atkinson and Mr Richardson included:

Mr Topping asked Mr Atkinson about any intention to include home safety as part of Health Working Lives and if he would be highlighting the potential for lost productivity included in any messages. Mr Atkinson agreed that it was useful to present a business case on this topic and was aware that the costs of off-the-job accidents were 30% to the employer, 40% to the employee and 30% to the community. He also gave the road safety example of slowing down your speed also reducing fuel consumption.

Ms Nish asked Mr Richardson if health colleagues were included as partners in his local work and asked both speakers if their existing data included NHS data. Mr Richardson highlighted the inclusion of road safety messages promoted to NHS staff. Mr Atkinson advised the data he uses comes from RoSPA and STATS19 and that looking at public health data highlights areas of deprivation. This data is available online.

Ms Adamson then opened the floor to general questions and comments.

Dr Beattie expressed his thanks for all the super presentations given. He asked if the topic of pre-school usage for child car restraints could be looked at further and Mr Richardson responded that he was aware of a high proportion of incorrect use for children's height and weight. His advice is to only use retailers where staff are trained by the manufacturers on the correct fitting of child car seats and that pressure should be maintained on the manufacturers to provide this training. Mr Atkinson also highlighted the possibility of second hand equipment being used in areas of deprivation.

Ms Kathy Jenkins commented on the balance of education, engineering and enforcement and asked if the balance was right. Discussion followed and it was agreed all three were important in road safety.

Neil Robertson asked if any research was available regarding accidents involving cyclists at work (especially because of the increase in cycling) and if any information packages were available. Mr Atkinson responded that anecdotally he was aware that more people were cycling at work and offered to forward some related documents to the Group.

Ms Adamson invited Graham Thomson of Transport Scotland to make any comments. Mr Thomson thanked all the speakers for their interesting presentations and confirmed that the Scottish Government was involved in several of the initiatives highlighted. Mr Thomson advised he was interested in the wider Community Safety arena and also that he was delighted to see Road Safety Scotland resources were being well used. Mr Thomson also mentioned the Scottish Government's involvement in Managing Occupational Road Risk and how they were trying to support road safety as much as possible.

Ms Adamson re-iterated her thanks to all the speakers on Road Safety initiatives and advised the Group of the themes going forward to next year as follows (dates were included in attendees' packs):

AGM – 29th January: Occupational Safety

Spring Meeting – 25th March; Water Safety

Summer Meeting – 24th June: (During Child Safety Week) Burns and Scalds to children and Railway Safety

Autumn Meeting – 4th November: Gas and Electrical safety/Landlords role

Winter Meeting (AGM) – 20th January 2015: Safety for older people

(Please note: the winter meeting and AGM was listed incorrectly on the day.)

Mr Topping gave a special plea for the inclusion of more home safety matters and Mr Richardson agreed as the biggest challenge is falls in the over 65 age group.

Ms Adamson closed the meeting with thanks to all those involved in the Group and especially to Elizabeth Lumsden, Lis Bardell, Kate Barclay, Devlin Woods and Owen Thompson.

Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Attendees 27 November 2013

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Adamson , Clare MSP	Convenor
Atkinson , Robert	Health Working Lives
Baird , Colin	Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS)
Beattie , Dr Tom	Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh
Beresford , John	Scottish Community Safety Network
Cairns , George	Go Safe Scotland
Castro , Janet	Scottish Accident Prevention Council
Clinton , Kevin	RoSPA
Clydesdale , Gordon	Roadskills
Crabbe , Hannah	Dynamic Advertising Group
Falconer , Gena	Highland Council
Henderson , Jennifer	Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
McDermott , Laura	Dundee City Council
McNab , Alistair	Health and Safety Executive
McKay , Sylvia	Hopscotch Nursery
Miller , Irene	NHS Health Scotland
Nish , Lesley	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Palmer , Graham	Morgan Sindall
Richardson , Paul	Home Safety Scotland
Robertson , Neil	CTC
Wallace , Colin	REHIS

Spacey, Patricia Fife Council Community Planning

Topping, Brian Safety Advocate

In attendance:

Wylie, Gill Community Safety Unit, Scottish Government

Bardell, Lis Office Manager to Clare Adamson, MSP

Furey, Karen Transport Scotland

Lumsden, Elizabeth Secretary

Thomson, Graham Transport Scotland

Present:

McLeod, Fiona, MSP

Dornan, James, MSP

Apologies:

Avril, Michael	RNLI
Bell, Christopher	Trading Standards
Baxter, Jayne, MSP	
Baillie, Jackie, MSP	
Cairns, John	Safety Groups UK
Creighton, Frank	Western Isles
Edgar, Hew	RICS
Forrester, Dave	SELECT
Johnston, John	FMC
Kubba, Haytham	Yorkhill Hospital
Mackay, Wayne	ESC
McCulloch, Margaret, MSP	
McDonnell, Karen	RoSPA Scotland
Mulholland, Jill	Transport Scotland
Murray, Neil	ARAMARK
Oliver, Chris	CTC
O'Neale, Ali	Cloudline
Smith, Bill	Ten Alps Communicate
Stuart, Annette	Scottish Government
Sutton, Mark	Northern Asbestos
Telfer, Bob	AALS
Toon, Lisa	Neighbourhood Watch Scotland
Watson, Fiona	AbSafe