

Cross-Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Tuesday 29 March 18:00-20:00 (online)

Minute

Present

MSPs

Clare Adamson (SNP)

Claire Baker (Scottish Labour)

Invited guests

Geraldine Hearne OPSS

Simon Trevanna OPSS

Non-MSP Group Members

Fern Barclay KHA

Jim Densham Cycling UK (Scotland)

Laura Erskine RNLI

Jen Foley RoSPA

Karter Kane ESF

Liz Lumsden Secretariat and RoSPA

Carlene McAvoy RoSPA

Karen McDonnell RoSPA

Lesley Nish NHSGGC

Katrina Phillips CAPT

Gregor Steele SSERC

Robert Atkinson HWL

Brian Auld Church of Scotland

Mark Carrol	HSE
Willie Clark	NWS
Fred Cullum	IOSH Scotland
Bill Harley	Fife Safer Communities
Kathy Jenkins	Scottish Hazards
Pauline McDonald	Enable
Michelle McKenna	CPIN (Consumer Public Interest Network)
Neil McNicol	John McNicol and Co (Electrical Engineers) Ltd
Cherie Morgan	Play Scotland
Ann Munro	SCID
Glen Nixon	Advice Direct Scotland
Alasdair Perry	SFRS
Konstantina Scott-Barrett	RCPCH
Norman Stevenson	SGUK
Allan Thomson	Central Training Services
Brian Topping	Safety advocate
Carol Wood	NASUWT
Alistair Taylor	Clare Adamson's Office

Apologies

Barry Baker	HSE
Chris Bell	SCOTSS
Vince Bowles	Scottish Autism
Andy Cathro	Safety Advocate
Nina Currie	NHS Grampian
Hannah Dale	Division of Health Psychology (British Psychological Society)
Theresa Mclaughlin	ENABLE

1 Headlines

Liz Lumsden, Secretariat, spoke to Headlines newsletter, adding that it will be available to view with the minutes of this meeting. Sections of note were the button battery resource from CAPT and COVID champion in the workplace, both of which will feature during the pitch presentations. In addition to this, there was detail about RoSPA's online water safety conference on 7 April and their water safety open day which is due to take place on World Drowning Prevention Day (25 July) at the Kelpies/Helix. A link to an online falls prevention event was also shared in Headlines, as well as a plea for volunteers to take part who have experience – personal or otherwise – of falls in the workplace. Karen McDonnell spoke in greater detail about this and the desire to de-stigmatise falling in the workplace and encouraged members to engage with the research. Please see Appendix A for the full copy.

2 Welcome

The convener of the CPG, Clare Adamson MSP, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them that the meeting would be recorded purely for the purpose of the minutes. Claire Baker MSP was present, meaning the meeting was quorate. Ms Adamson encouraged everyone present to forward anything pertinent for the CPG for inclusion in Headlines.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Previous minutes

The draft minutes that were circulated following the February meeting were proposed as an accurate recording of the meeting by Brian Topping, seconded by Fred Cullum.

5 Presentation about recent changes to the Highway Code

The Group heard from Jim Densham, Campaigns and Policy Manager for Cycling UK in Scotland. Cycling UK is a membership organisation which promotes cycling and wants to see millions more people cycling across the UK. The Highway Code was recently updated to make the roads safer for cycling, walking and wheeling after many years of campaigning and Jim outlined what the public need to know about this recent Highway Code update.

6 Three-minute pitches

The Group heard a number of three-minute pitches about recent focus of their work as outlined below:

Fern Barclay - Kingdom Housing Association - "Being a Covid Champion"

Laura Erskine - RNLI - "WSS Education Resource"

Jen Foley - RoSPA - "Poisoning prevention campaign"

Karter Kane - ESF - "Online Marketplaces"

Liz Lumsden - RoSPA - "Fall Fighters sessions"

Carlene McAvoy - RoSPA - "Drowning Incident Review"

Karen McDonnell - ScORSA - "Road safety and driving for work"

Lesley Nish - NHS GGC - "Falls from windows"

Katrina Phillips - CAPT - "Button Battery resources"

Gregor Steele – SSERC - "Laser Pointers"

7 Question and answer session

Following the pitches, Ms Adamson thanked the presenters for the interesting content and noted it is apparent there is still a lot of work to do with regards to product safety and online purchasing, furthermore suggesting a separate meeting to discuss Trading Standards in Scotland. This is to be set for later in the year, as the CPG meeting in June is already set.

Carol Wood suggested having resources relating to safety added to locations already used by teachers, such as Twinkl, particularly a resource on button batteries for use with primary-aged pupils. Ms Adamson suggested that content would need approved by each local authority and the GTC before being used in schools but it is definitely something to take forward to explore the opportunity. It was suggested that a letter could be drafted to this effect.

Encouragement was given to make full use of the Twitter network that exists between members and to re-tweet, share and tag content of mutual interest.

Prior to closing the meeting, Ms Adamson extended a further thanks to Jim Densham and the pitch presenters for sharing the diverse work they do in safety across Scotland and hopes some work streams come as a result of the pitches.

The date of the next meeting is 7th June when the focus will be on child safety.



Health & Safety Trainee Named COVID Workplace Champion

Kingdom Housing Association Health & Safety Trainee Fern Barclay has been recognised as a COVID Workplace Champion by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

The accolade was awarded in recognition of Fern's expertise, passion and unwavering commitment to keeping customers, colleagues and communities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

RoSPA, known for its prestigious health and safety awards which impact on the working lives of more than seven million people, received nearly 300 nominations from 19 different countries for the COVID Workplace Champion scheme.

Errol Taylor, RoSPA's Chief Executive, said, "We know only too well the huge effort that has been required to keep workplaces functioning over the past 18 months. We also realise

that this vital work must continue for the foreseeable future. Importantly, for each and every one of us, there are COVID Workplace Champions out there and this recognition scheme is for them.

All businesses and organisations, big or small, have people who are working tirelessly to keep us safe - and often do so in the background and with little or no recognition. This is why we want to say to them: we see you; and we want to celebrate you.”

The news of being recognised as a RoSPA COVID Workplace Champion came as a surprise, as **Fern Barclay** explains: “ I didn't know that I had been nominated so it was a really nice surprise when the congratulations email and certificate landed in my inbox. I'd like to thank Dave Roy, Kingdom's Health & Safety Officer, for nominating me! I'm really pleased to have been recognised as a COVID Workplace Champion, it means a lot as it shows the value of the work that has been put in over the last few years to keep our employees and customers safe.”

Kingdom Group Chief Executive Bill Banks said, “Fern joined Kingdom as part of our 3 year Trainee Programme in 2019. The Programme supports our desire to provide training and employment opportunities across a range of professions and areas of work for young people. The Trainee Programme helps us build our talent pool and through investing in younger people, we are helping to develop our future leaders. Fern has been doing excellent work as part of our Health & Safety team to keep everyone safe throughout the pandemic, and I'm delighted that RoSPA has recognised her as a COVID Workplace Champion.”

From: Dave Roy, KHA

Button battery tragedies - spread the word to prevent devastating deaths

If a child swallows a button battery, they can be left with internal injuries that are catastrophic and life changing. Sadly, some injuries can be fatal. A powerful button battery can have devastating effects in just a couple of hours.

17-month-old Hugh McMahon died in Motherwell on Boxing Day after swallowing a button battery. His tragic death highlights the need to spread the word to parents and carers.

Many parents simply don't know the damage that button batteries can do and are shocked to discover how many everyday products in their homes are powered by them.

Free printed and downloadable resources

The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) has developed free button battery safety resources for practitioners to display and share with families, including:

- A colourful poster featuring an illustrated house, asking the question “Button batteries – where are yours?” to start conversations.
- A two-part session plan including a pictorial flashcard and workshop outline, to support sessions with families.
- A leaflet, explaining the risks, sharing safety tips, and giving emergency advice to parents who think their child may have swallowed a button battery.
- A factsheet translated into 16 languages, describing the risks and where to look for button batteries at home.

Help spread the word

The resources are free to download from CAPT’s online hub. Please visit the hub and share this link to help prevent more tragedies <https://www.capt.org.uk/button-battery-safety>

Printed copies will be free to order from either your local health resource library or CAPT’s online shop <https://www.capt.org.uk/pages/shop/department/button-batteries>.

You can also sign up to receive the latest news and updates on child accident prevention <https://www.capt.org.uk/sign-up> and connect with CAPT on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/childaccidentpreventiontrust> to share content with your own network and hear more about new resources as they become available.

Please help us spread the word to as many families as possible.

From Laura Harris, CAPT

Water Safety events

Thanks to generous funding from RNLI, Scottish Water and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, RoSPA Scotland (in collaboration with Water Safety Scotland (WSS)) is hosting two events this year over the spring and summer.

The first event will be an online conference and will provide an opportunity for members and practitioners to look at the Interim Review of Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy and discuss a number of key topics.

The online conference is on the **7th April at 1pm**. More details and sign up can be accessed by following this

link: <https://rospa.webex.com/rospa/j.php?RGID=r25aa8dcebd535b72d3b774bacb10d63d>

There is also more information on the RoSPA website at

<https://www.rospa.com/events/event-schedule/rospa-water-safety-conference-2022>

The second event, which will be in-person, will be open for anyone to attend and takes place on World Drowning Prevention Day (25 July). More details about this exciting event being held at The Kelpies/Helix <https://www.thehelix.co.uk/> will follow in due course!

Please share this information with colleagues or anyone you think may have an interest in the important issue of water safety.

From Carlene McAvoy, RoSPA

Falls: Tme for Movement

This webinar was held recently and included presentations from Professor Dawn Skelton, Professor of Ageing and Health (ReaCH), Glasgow Caledonian University and Erin Walker, Practice Development Physiotherapist, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde.

Dawn and Erin:

- Discussed best practice in relation to falls, frailty and deconditioning
- Shared experience of promoting an Active Wards approach in an acute hospital setting
- Provided an opportunity for discussion and Q & A

For those that were unable to attend, the session was recorded.

You can access the [recording link](#) and the [presentation](#) on the Healthcare Improvement Scotland [ihub webpage](#). You can also find a [Q&A document](#) and [“I Can” poster and supporting documentation](#).

From Liz Lumsden, RoSPA

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Falls focus groups

RoSPA is looking for volunteers to support focus groups, to better understand workplace slips, trips and falls. Discussions will include the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on deconditioning, the increase of home working and changes in work patterns that may have led to employees undertaking unfamiliar tasks, the impact of fatigue on falls and the fact that people are continuing in the workforce later in life

The focus groups will take place on:

- Tuesday 5th April 12.30 – 14.00 – Over aged 50 – experience of workplace slip, trip or fall
- Wednesday 6th April, 12.30 - 14.00 – Workplace experience of managing a slip, trip or fall
- Thursday 7th April, 12.30 – 14.00 – Both personal experience and experience of managing a workplace slip, trip and fall
- Wednesday 6th April, 19.00 – 21.00 – Personal experience of a workplace slip, trip and fall

All focus groups will be held online. (You will be required to attend one session only).

To thank you for your time you will be entered into a prize draw to win a £100 Amazon voucher. Also if you know of anyone that has had personal experience of a workplace slip, trip or fall, or manages workplace slips, trips or falls that would be willing to take part please feel free to forward this link.

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