

Cross-Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Tuesday 26th March 2024 18:00-20:00

(Scottish Parliament and online)

Minute

Present

MSPs

Clare Adamson (SNP) Convener

Miles Briggs (Scottish Conservatives)

Speakers

Wayne Bates NASUWT (online)

Mary Kernohan SnapDragon

Adrian McConnell CO Research Trust

Scot McRory FBU

Hollie Parrilla-Royle NHSGGC (online)

Emma Smith Glasgow City (online)

Duncan Spiers Christopher's Life Saving Campaign

Ian Tasker Scottish Hazards

Members

Michael Avril RNLI

Christopher Bell SCOTSS

Emma Dudley RoSPA

Eleanor Griffiths East Renfrewshire Council

Karter Kane ESF

Caroline Lawrie SGN

Elizabeth Lumsden
Carlene McAvoy
Neil McNicol
John Nelson
Alan Purves
Rhian Reynolds
Alistair Taylor
Brian Topping
Katrina Phillips
Bill Harley
Lynn Hill
Fred Cullum

RoSPA (Secretariat)
RoSPA
John McNicol & Co (Electrical Engineers) Ltd
AECOM
SSERC
RoSPA (Minutes)
Clare Adamson's office
Safety Advocate
CAPT
Safer Communities, Fife Council
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Safety Advocate

Online

Robert Atkinson
Andy Cathro
Steve Cole
Phyllis Craig
Jim Dorman
Sheena Harper
Sarah Hill
Mark Lilley
Sylvia Mackay
Karen McDonnell
Michelle McKenna
Theresa Mclaughlin
Jenny Paterson
Scott Stanford
Carol Wood

PHS
Safety Advocate
RoSPA
Action on Asbestos
St Andrew's First Aid
Safety Advocate
Gas Safe Register
Safety Advocate
Safety Advocate
RoSPA
CPIN
Enable
Venture Trust
SNIPEF
NASUWT

Apologies

Vince Bowles
Gill Burton
Stephen Bridgman
Bob Cairney
Hannah Dale
Yvonne Gilfillan
Euan Lowe
Cherie Morgan
Dave Roy
Yvonne Wark
Liz Young

Scottish Autism
Scottish Cot Death Trust
PHS
SELECT
Division of Health Psychology – Scotland
Babcock International Group
Scottish Swimming
Play Scotland
Kingdom Housing
UWS
Safety Advocate

1 Welcome

The Convener, Clare Adamson MSP, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked John Nelson of AECOM for funding the cost of the refreshments.

Clare thanked Liz Lumsden for her phenomenal work as the secretariat for the CPG and added that Liz's work has ensured this is one of the best and most recognised CPG by Parliament. Clare recognised Liz's work across home safety, water safety and road safety in Scotland over the years and that her wealth of knowledge would be missed greatly due to the loss of her current role. Katrina Phillips thanked Liz on behalf of the CAPT Board of Trustees and added that there will be children alive today because of the work Liz has done.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on February 6 were proposed as accurate by Katrina Phillips and seconded by Duncan Spiers.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Headlines Newsletter

Liz Lumsden highlighted the contents of the Headlines Newsletter (appendix 1) which had previously been circulated.

5 Speakers

1. Ian Tasker, Scottish Hazards: **Health and Safety - Empowering Young Workers**

Ian is CEO of Scottish Hazards which is an occupational health and safety charity providing advice, support and representation to workers who are not in a trade union. They work closely with the Scottish Trades Union Congress and its affiliates to campaign for healthy, safe and fair workplaces for all workers.

2. Scott McRory, FBU: **the FBU DECON Project**

Scott is the Regional Health & Safety Representative for the Fire Brigades Union in Scotland. He has been a firefighter, based in Aberdeen for the past 14 years, seconded to his current post within the Union and has been in post for the past nine months.

3. Duncan Spiers: **Christopher's Life Saving Campaign update**

4. Wayne Bates, National Negotiating Official, NASUWT: **NASUWT School Minibus Safety Campaign**

Wayne is a National Negotiating Official for the NASUWT and leads on Health and Safety for the Union. He has been in this position for 11 years and was previously a Physics teacher in a large inner city secondary school in Birmingham.

5. Adrian McConnell, Chief Executive, CO Research Trust: **Making Sense of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

Adrian has led the CO Research Trust since 2013. The Trust is the UK's principal grant-giving research charity with a focus in this area – concentrating on improving diagnosis, better treatments, and understanding the effects of low-level carbon monoxide exposure.

6. Mary Kernohan, Head of Business Development, SnapDragon: **How to spot fake goods online**

SnapDragon provides online brand protection (from start-ups to enterprises), using innovative technology, and a fantastic team, to find and eliminate brand abuse on the world's busiest online channels.

7. Emma Smith, Childrens Services Manager, Glasgow City HSCP and Hollie Parrilla Royle: **NHS GGC Unintentional injuries Short Life Working Group**

Emma is the Childrens Service Manager in Glasgow City HSCP for North West Locality Health Visiting Teams and Glasgow City School Nursing Service and is Chair of the NHS GGC Unintentional injuries Short Life Working Group.

Hollie is a Practice Development Nurse at NHS GGC.

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

6 Questions and Comments

Clare Adamson asked Mary Kernohan about the use of peer training, Mary agreed that is the best method of education for young people, Clare will try to think of any existing programmes that SnapDragon could use. Brian Topping asked if information on fake goods found by SnapDragon is published, shared with Trading Standards and if action is taken. Mary confirmed information is passed on and, when required, supplied to courts of law, however SnapDragon's main role is supporting companies to secure the legal status of their products. They also take part in the Anti-

Counterfeiting Group which TS are members of. Michelle McKenna added that TS see lower quantities of fake goods entering the UK to be sold here as more are now sold online using dropshipping. TS do publish press releases for unsafe products and publicise prosecutions, but they can take up to three years to go to court.

Bill Harley asked Adrian McConnell what is an unsafe low-level of CO and how would it be spotted. Adrian advised there is no consensus on low levels of CO; it is always present at very low levels and is at quite high levels in streets due to vehicle emissions. Their focus is on education around the symptoms of CO poisoning as this can easily be misdiagnosed. Rhian Reynolds mentioned that RoSPA are working in partnership with Wales & West Utilities on a CO hub which will be on the website soon. Scott Sanford asked about any work being done to outlaw CO detectors that do not make a noise (e.g. dot detectors that change colour), Adrian said they monitor retailers and ask them to only sell audible detectors, which most reputable retailers will do. Scott advised SNIPEF are happy to support with lobbying regarding detectors.

Clare asked Scott McRory if, following Brexit, there is likely to be divergence on standards surrounding building materials. Scott explained that the main issue is the fire retardants on furniture, so their focus is on improving the PPE and the safe systems of work used. Kathy Jenkins commented that the DECON Project was a great example of international collaboration; Scott confirmed it had been useful to compare and learn from fire fighters in other countries. Adrian asked if they are using ICD11 codes to compare medical data; Adrian will pass on contact details to Scott. Clare asked about data from Wales now they have sprinkler legislation, Scott advised that more regional UK data will be coming soon so will raise the question.

Adrian asked Wayne Briggs if they are working with the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS). Wayne said they are working to get parliamentary questions raised around data on minibus accidents and unsafe vehicles; there is not enough data as it not monitored by the DVSA like for the commercial sector. Adrian will pass contact details to Wayne. Clare asked if there was any Scottish specific information, Wayne explained that it's not a devolved matter and the same picture was seen across Great Britain, only Northern Ireland differed because their Education Authority has different requirements.

7 Any other business

Liz Lumsden thanked everyone for their support over the years and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM and will be held on WEDNESDAY 5th June 2024. The theme will be Child Safety as the meeting is being held in Child Safety Week (3 – 9 June. See [Child Safety Week | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](https://www.capt.org.uk))

Appendix 1

Headlines Newsletter

RoSPA update

Following the recent announcement regarding the withdrawal of Government funding for RoSPA's home safety activities along with RoSPA's ongoing restructuring, Liz Lumsden will be leaving RoSPA on the 28th of March.

World conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

Liz submitted a paper about the work of the CPG to the world conference which is being held in New Delhi, India in September 2024. The paper has been accepted as a poster presentation but unfortunately Liz is no longer in a position to attend to present.

Unique Location Code Guidance released in Scotland

Water Safety Scotland has launched its guidance document on Unique Location Codes (ULC) for use in Scotland. The aim of the document is to provide a consistent format for water safety assets such as signs, PRE stations, and other fixed installations. This will help promote consistency and ensure one format for the embedment into emergency service control room systems. Linked to coming research on water safety signage, ULC's are an essential part of a water safety sign. To read the new guidance document, visit:

<https://www.watersafetyscotland.org.uk/media/xkxp5ncr/ulc-guidance-2024.pdf>

Signage research in Scotland

Water Safety Scotland has released a new report detailing three phases of research that was undertaken in 2023 and 2024 on water safety signage. The results of the research show that the proposed new signage, created by WSS partners, is clear and understandable to members of the public. Participants demonstrated a high rate of understanding of the components parts of the sign such as hazard identification, the Unique Location Code and what to do in an emergency.

You can read the full research report here: [Water Safety Signage | Water Safety Scotland](#)

Spotlight on: Kathy Jenkins



Kathy is a Trustee and Secretary of Scottish Hazards.

Scottish Hazards campaigns for improved worker health and safety throughout Scotland and joins with others internationally to campaign for improved working conditions throughout the world. It is part of the UK Hazards Campaign and of the Partnership for Health and Safety in Scotland. The Scottish Hazards Centre provides information, advice and support to individual workers and groups of workers in Scotland who are not unionised and have inadequate access to Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) expertise (contact: 0800 0015 022 or info@hazards.scot) Scottish Hazards also provides support and advocacy for families who have lost loved ones through work.

Kathy followed an undergraduate degree in zoology with a Masters in Public Health/Health Promotion and became a chartered member of IOSH. Working in Lothian NHS Health Promotion team, she specialised in workplace health. She was also part of developing and teaching a Workplace Health masters level course at Edinburgh, Heriot Watt and Strathclyde Universities. She has been an active trade unionist throughout her career, most frequently as a Health and Safety representative. She has been an active part of Scottish Hazards since 1995.

As part of Scottish Hazards, Kathy is involved in information exchange, training and education in partnership with the Scottish Trade Union Congress, individual Trade Unions, Public Health Scotland, the Fair Work Convention and team and other organisations. Together with the STUC, Scottish Hazards has pulled together a network of Health and Safety representatives from throughout Scotland. Scottish Hazards has been an active member of the Cross Party Group from its outset and has found it a very useful forum for exchanging knowledge, experience and expertise and a helpful route into contact with Members of the Scottish Parliament.