

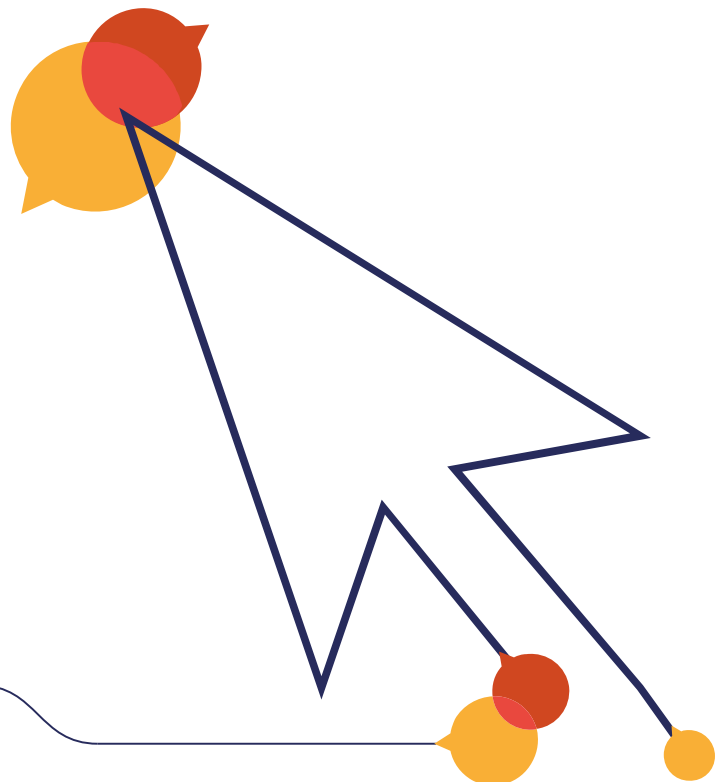


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RoSPA's 2019 Home Safety Congress took place at the National Space Centre, Leicester on Wednesday 27th February. Following an introductory message from Kelly Tolhurst MP for Rochester and Strood and an overview from the Office for Product Safety and Standards, main speakers included:

- Errol Taylor, Chief Executive, RoSPA: Safe and Active at all ages: A national strategy to prevent serious accidental injuries in England
- David McGown, Assistant Chief Officer and Director, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service: Building Safer Communities in Scotland
- Helen Jones, National Investigator, HSIB: Introduction to the Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch

Delegates then broke into two tracks:

- 1 Child in the home (including RoSPA Scotland's work on Home Free: A report on children's views on safety in the home)
- 2 Older people in the home

Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

The first meeting of 2019 was held on 23rd January. The topic was '3 Minute Pitches' and members were given the opportunity to deliver a three minute presentation on a key priority, campaign or initiative that requires support or is lacking in their area of work. The presentations were followed by workshop discussions and the collated responses are now being considered.





Some of the presenters of the three-minute pitches along with the Convenor of the Group, Clare Adamson MSP (third from right, front row) and Maurice Corry MSP (first left, back row)

The Spring meeting will be held on 20th March. The topic will be Occupational Safety/Safety of Young Workers and speakers will be Stella Rooney on behalf of Unite Hospitality Branch and Better Than Zero campaign and Andy Cathro with colleagues and students from Dundee & Angus College, Monifieth High School, TechnipFMC and the College Development Network on 'Creative Learning of Health & Safety for the future workforce, LOCHER update'. #cpgapsa

Safety of Older People Training

On 30th January, RoSPA Scotland facilitated training in Edinburgh on the safety of older people to 12 delegates from the Royal Voluntary Service Scotland. All 12 delegates took part in the City and Guilds exam.

The Safety of Older People course has been updated to include more activities and provide more information on Scotland specific issues and statistics. The course will run again in April 2019 with Lomond & Clyde Care & Repair Ltd.

For further information, please contact cmcavoy@rospa.com

RCPCH

The community Safety team raised awareness of RoSPA and the UNCRC article 24 (e) by participating in RCPCH's social media challenge.



Poisoning Campaign

This project, which is running in both East Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders, is ongoing but is expected to end April 2019 with a report due in May. However, there is potential for the project to run in the East Renfrewshire area from April 19/20.



Keeping Kids Safe in the Home



RoSPA Scotland are planning a new project in the Edinburgh area along with NHS Lothian and the Family Nurse Partnership thanks to some funding from the Safer Communities Division, Safer Communities Directorate in the Scottish Government. The project aims to provide parents and carers of children under the age of five with simple advice and information to help them keep their little ones safe from accidental harm.

The project will also focus on detailed research to explore with parents how they respond to and use the messages and equipment provided and how this impacts on their ability to make informed decisions on injury prevention.

The project is still in the initial stages but is hoped to be launched in the next few months.

For any concerns or more information, please contact cmcavoy@rospa.com

The use and regulation of fireworks in Scotland

In November last year, the Scottish Government announced it would be taking forward a public consultation on the use and regulation of fireworks in Scotland. The consultation is now live and will run for a period 14 weeks, closing on Friday 10 May.

During the consultation the Scottish Government will seek views on how people use and enjoy fireworks, the impact they have on people and communities across Scotland, as well as their impact on animals. It will seek views on the sale of fireworks to the general public, and ideas on what action can be taken to ensure fireworks continue to be enjoyed safely and responsibly.

While much of the current legislation on the sale of fireworks is reserved to Westminster the consultation will help to identify gaps, issues or unintended consequences with the current regulatory framework.

Alongside the consultation there will be running a series of engagement events to create opportunities for members of the public, alongside local partners, to deliberate on the key issues and discuss with others what could be done going forward. You can find details of events alongside access to the consultation on Citizen Space via the following link <https://consult.gov.scot/safer-communities/fireworks/>.



RoSPA/RNLI Water Safety Policy Workshop

In 2018, RoSPA released "[Local Authority Approaches to Managing Water Safety – Scotland Five Years on](#)". This was a five-year follow-on study from the original research, which took place in Scotland in 2013. The aim of this was to provide an up-to-date analysis of how local authorities were managing water safety. Overall, as in 2013, a mixed picture was found. Several local authorities were addressing water safety but there was still very little consistency or uniformity.

In response to this research and to help implement Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy in Scotland, RoSPA and RNLI agreed to hold the very first policy orientated workshop with the aim to help local authorities understand water safety policy, the barriers to implementing a policy and to share key information and advice.

Supported by the Scottish Community Safety Network and Water Safety Scotland, the workshop hopes to help local authorities gain a better understanding of water safety policies and their benefits.

The workshop will take place on April 9th at RNLI Headquarters, Perth. For further information, please contact cmcavoy@rospa.com or communitysafety@rospa.com

Some useful links:

The injury prevention report is now live on the Scottish Public Health Network website.

<https://www.scotphn.net/projects/major-trauma-injury-prevention/introduction/>

A Connected Scotland: our strategy for tackling social isolation and loneliness and building stronger social connections -

The Scottish Government's first national strategy to tackle social isolation and loneliness and build stronger social connections was published in December.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/connected-scotland-strategy-tackling-social-isolation-loneliness-building-stronger-social-connections/>

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