



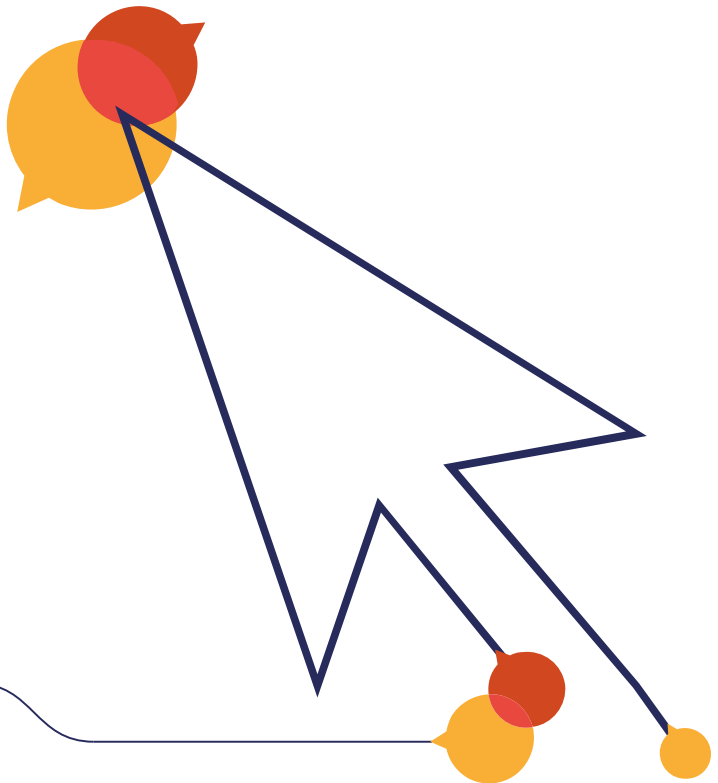
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## Another nappy sack death – now 18

A baby has died following suffocation on a nappy sack at his home in Oldham. The boy was discovered by his mother in July last year and the inquest has recently concluded it was an accident. You can read more at:

[www.theoldhamtimes.co.uk/news/15896942.Nappy\\_sacks\\_warning\\_after\\_tragic\\_death\\_of\\_quot\\_beautiful\\_quot\\_five\\_month\\_old\\_baby\\_in\\_Oldham](http://www.theoldhamtimes.co.uk/news/15896942.Nappy_sacks_warning_after_tragic_death_of_quot_beautiful_quot_five_month_old_baby_in_Oldham)

We have copies of our leaflet on nappy sack safety available via pick-up from the office. Please give us a call to arrange.

## Series of ‘Safe as Houses?’ Seminars

RoSPA in Scotland will be facilitating a series of three ‘Safe as Houses?’ seminars in the coming months. Places are strictly limited so please visit the webpage next week when the booking form and further information will be available. See [www.rospa.com/events/schedule/](http://www.rospa.com/events/schedule/)

In the meantime, I can advise that the first seminar on March 15 will look at child safety and our keynote speaker will be Dr Elizabeth Kilbey. Dr Kilbey is a leading clinical psychologist and an expert on Channel 4's *The Secret Life of 4, 5 and 6 Year Olds*. She is a consultant clinical psychologist who has spent the last 12 years working with children both within the NHS and privately. She has a Masters in Child Development and during her career she has helped families to tackle everything from toddler tantrums to teenage meltdowns as well as more complex and challenging mental health difficulties. Dr Kilbey will discuss children's understanding of safety messages. Other speakers will consider: Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs); children's views of safety in the home; and the Scottish Government's child and adolescent health and wellbeing action plan.

The second seminar on April 25 (during RoSPA's Family Safety Week) in partnership with COBIS (Care of Burns in Scotland) will consider various aspects of avoiding burns and scalds, and the final seminar in the series, on May 23, will look at the safety of older people. The first two events will be held in the Fire and Rescue West Service Delivery HQ, Hamilton. The third one will be held in Scotland's Fire and Rescue Service's Headquarters in Cambuslang.

## RoSPA (UK) Child Safety Event : May 15, Crowne Plaza Solihull

RoSPA (UK)'s 2018 Child Safety Event will consider new approaches and good practice in child safety in the home from core principles of valuing quality of life to evaluating the effectiveness of strategies and programmes. The congress will benefit anyone who works with children and young families or who is involved in strategic planning for child injury prevention.

Please note, this event was originally the RoSPA Home Safety Congress which was to be held in London on November 8, 2017.

If you would like more information, please call 0121 248 2089.

[www.rospa.com/events/child/](http://www.rospa.com/events/child/)



# Child and Adolescent Health and Wellbeing Action Plan

The Children and Families Directorate of the Scottish Government is looking for feedback on the proposed Child and Adolescent Health and Wellbeing Action Plan and intends to take what the working group has drafted to a much wider audience. It would like to involve a range of participants from different demographics in some discussion groups, to look at the way the plan is worded as well as gain feedback to questions such as what the Action Plan should prioritise? Suggestions to date include access to services, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), child poverty, emotional wellbeing, housing, substance use, and transitions. Are there any gaps? What action(s) would you like to see in the plan? Why? What barriers and enablers are there? Is there anything you can do to help implement the action(s)?

It has advised that it would be very helpful if any discussion group meetings could take place before Easter, and they would be able to provide (limited) resources to reimburse any necessary costs incurred such as room hire, catering, and travel expenses. If you can help, please contact Mary Sloan, policy manager on [Mary.Sloan@gov.scot](mailto:Mary.Sloan@gov.scot)

# Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

The January meeting saw the CPG teaming up with the CPG on Older People, Age and Ageing to discuss topics such as the benefits of exercise (including the prevention of falls), a falls prevention initiative being piloted in the workplace by RoSPA and the Active and Independent Living Programme, SGN's Locking Cooker Valve and the Building Safer Communities programme and older people.

The minutes of the meetings are all available at [www.parliament.scot/msps/accident-prevention.aspx](http://www.parliament.scot/msps/accident-prevention.aspx) and all speakers' presentations are held on the RoSPA website at [www.rospace.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/cross-party-group](http://www.rospace.com/about/around-the-uk/scotland/cross-party-group)





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