

RoSPA Report September 2014

- **Our Public Health Campaign**
[RoSPA's Public Health Campaign](#)

Delivering Accident Prevention at local level in the new public health system

This handbook consists of two parts. The first part sets out the current level of accidents and their associated costs, and outlines how accident prevention fits into the new arrangements for public health, which came into effect in April. Part two contains a raft of case studies, fact sheets and research papers, highlighting how accident prevention can be delivered successfully, with subjects including falls prevention, home safety for under-5s, water safety, local transport plans and how to link up with other agendas such as child welfare.

The Handbook has been produced by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), supported by Public Health England (PHE) and funded by the Department of Health. The joint foreword by Anna Soubry, Minister for Public Health, and Professor Kevin Fenton, director of health and wellbeing at Public Health England, describes the scale of accidents as "an issue that cannot be ignored".

The document provides valuable advice on effective interventions for those involved in developing local strategies, and on how partnership working can help improvements in accident prevention and other areas of public health.

It highlights the importance of reducing the huge burden of accidents on families, local communities, accident and emergency departments, the wider health and social care services and the economy as a whole, and the benefits of investing in prevention

The RoSPA Big Book of Accident Prevention (Scotland) will be launched in Spring 2015

- **Our NOSHC plans for 2014/15**
The June meeting considered the suitability and relevance of a number of topics as the core theme for 2014/15. It was agreed that NOHSC will work with and through higher performing organisations linked to the RoSPA Awards encouraging them to increase the contribution they make to improving health and safety performance outside their own organisations.
- **RoSPA/BNFL Scholarship Scheme**
[Strategic review of the Management of Occupational Road Risk by University College London, PACTS and TRL](#), published June 2014. Key message from this review is that work related road safety is not managed in the same way as general health and safety to the extent that it should be. All too frequently, and in smaller organisations, MORR is perceived as being a marginal activity in a fleet management programme rather than an activity that should be embedded strategically at board level as part of the occupational health and safety governance structure. Full recommendations available on p50-52 of report.

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- **SGUK**

RoSPA continue to provide support to SGUK, RoSPA's Partnership Consultant Roger Bibbings will continue to provide support to SGUK as acting secretary and RoSPA will continue to provide support in terms of administrative and web hosting related activities.

- **EU OSHA National Focal Point Meeting**

HWL/IOSH Scotland successful in gaining support for project delivery, soft launch of project 16th September 2014 at RoSPA Scotland Congress. Programme roll out across Scotland 21-24th October 2014.

Next EU OSHA Focal Point Meeting 31st October 2014.

- **BSI HS/1 Occupational Health and Safety Management**

KMcD corresponding member, the next meeting will be held on 12th September 2014.

- **Development of a Health and Work Service for Scotland**

KMcD has represented POOSH Scotland on this group, ensuring that the potential for practitioners across its membership to assist in profiling this service once launched. Progress towards the launch will be discussed on 24th September which will focus on working with Employers in relation to Occupational Health.

- **POOSH Scotland**

Copy of minutes from meeting held in May 2014 attached for information, these also provide an insight into partnership working between POOSH members across Scotland.

- **PHASS (Partnership on Health and Safety in Scotland),**

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/scotland/partnership.htm>

Key points from most recent meeting available within POOSH Scotland minutes.

- **Scottish Government Health and Safety Roundtable**

Options for Scotland, held on the 21st August this meeting of key stakeholders discussed the future of health and safety in Scotland, exploring three alternative approaches to deliver on health and safety post referendum. Can share meeting notes when available.

- **2014 Awards round**

[2014 RoSPA Occupational Health & Safety Awards](#)

- **RoSPA events upcoming**

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RoSPA Scotland Congress 16th September 2014 in Glasgow, to focus on making accident prevention a priority for Scotland.

RoSPA OSH Congress 19th November in London, 'Treating Health like Safety', focussing on the occupational health and wellbeing agenda.

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