

South Gloucestershire Child Injury Prevention Group

Terms of Reference

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Written with reference to

Public Health England (PHE 2014) has produced two new reports to help reduce unintentional injuries in children and young people. Each document sets out three action areas for local authorities and their partners and describes four steps local partnerships can take to build robust injury prevention strategies.

Public Health England guidance - [Reducing unintentional injuries in and around the home among children under five years.](#)

Purpose/role of the group

What is the role of the group?

The South Gloucestershire child injury prevention group's focus is on reducing death and serious injury from unintentional injury within young children from birth to 19 years living in South Gloucestershire.

Our vision is to reduce the risk of injury to children in South Gloucestershire whilst encouraging them to have active and fulfilling lives.

When was the group established?

The South Gloucestershire child injury prevention group is a new local group established in 2015, building on the previous work and experience of AVONSAFE

What are the aims and responsibilities of the group?

From West of England Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Draft Injury Prevention Strategy 2015-18

The aim of reducing injuries is to be achieved by improving children's safety within their environment and by encouraging safe behaviours.

In order to achieve its aim, the key objectives of the South Gloucestershire CHIP group are to:

- Reduce the incidence of unintentional injuries amongst children in the home.
- Reduce the incidence of road traffic accidents.
- Increase pedestrian/cyclist safety.
- Reduce the incidence of falls amongst children
- Raise awareness of how to prevent injuries, particularly amongst vulnerable groups and in disadvantaged areas.

The scope of this strategy does not include intentional injuries, whether self-inflicted or inflicted by others. Nevertheless, it is recognised that there are some common risk factors associated with certain unintentional and intentional injuries particularly in relation to child protection and adult safeguarding.

What is the relationship with other AVONSAFE/ injury prevention partnerships across the old AVON area?

Wherever possible good practice, campaigns and so on will be shared with colleagues across neighboring Unitary Authorities.

Membership

Who is membership of the group open to?

Any partners from local authority, statutory services, voluntary sector, members of the public with an interest in, and contribution to make on injury prevention in children and young people, with the agreement of the Chair.

Are there any restrictions on numbers?

No

Accountability

How will members be responsible for, and report back on their activities?

- Each member of the group will report back and be accountable to their organisation and management.
- Members will report back to the group quarterly.

Review: how often will the group review the relevance and value of its work and the terms of reference?

The group will produce, and work to an Action Plan that will be reviewed quarterly at meetings.

Working methods / ways of working:

What method / approach to working will you adopt?

- Provide leadership
- Partnership working
- A life-course approach to reducing injury amongst all age groups with a particular focus on the most vulnerable children under and young people under 19 years who are known to be at the greatest risk of injury
- Compliance with NICE guidelines
- Evidence based

Will any sub groups be convened?

- As/if/when required

Meetings

How many meetings will be held each year and where will they be held?

Quarterly/ three times a year

Who will organise and chair the meetings?

Injury prevention lead from Public Health/chair

How will topics for the agenda be generated?

Injury prevention lead from Public Health/chair with contributions from all members

How and when will meeting papers be circulated?

By injury prevention lead from Public Health

What will the format of meetings be, for example will they include small group discussions?

Generally whole group discussion

Will non-members be invited to group meetings and if so, under what circumstances?

Yes, as required for specific input

Who will provide secretariat for the group?

Injury prevention lead from Public Health

Recommendations from two reports from Public Health England, 2014

a. Reducing unintentional injuries in and around the home among under five years (Public Health England 2014)

Three actions areas for local authorities:

- Providing leadership and mobilising existing services prevents injuries
- The early years workforce needs support and training to enable it to strengthen it's central role in helping reduce unintentional injuries
- Focus on five kinds of injury for the under fives:
 1. Choking, suffocation & strangulation
 2. Falls
 3. Poisoning
 4. Burns & Scalds
 5. Drowning

b. Reducing unintentional injuries on the roads among children & young people under 25 years (Public Health England 2014)

Three actions will have an important impact on reducing injuries and death

1. Improve safety for children travelling to and from school
2. Introduce 20 mph limits in priority areas as part of a safe system approach to road safety
3. Action to prevent traffic injury and improve health must be co-ordinated