

HOMWORD 213

Welcome to Homeword 213. For over 20 years, staff at RoSPA have been bringing you up to date information about what is happening in the community safety world. Thank you for signing up to our newsletter and supporting us.

Falls prevention webinar for practitioners

Join us for another interesting webinar - this time on falls and falls prevention. This webinar which will be held on September 7th and is suited for practitioners, will feature presentations from Professor Dawn Skelton, Lianne McInally (NHS Lanarkshire) and Janet Thomas (NHS Fife). There will be opportunity for questions and answers at the end. You can sign up here:

<https://rospa.webex.com/rospa/onstage/g.php?MTID=ecdd7238a0aae270f4c4d06c247426887>

Injury Pyramid

We have released our injury pyramid for last year which shows general increases in deaths and injuries across all injuries (with the exception of water which has seen a reduction in fatalities) from last year. You can access the pyramid online here:

<https://www.rospa.com/Home-Safety/UK/Scotland/Research/Injury-Pyramid>



Better than cure – IPPR

IPPR has published a new report published entitled “Better than cure”. The IPPR think tank calls on the government to make injury prevention a public health priority and to take further action to prevent the transmission of Covid-19 in workplace. You can read it online here:

<https://www.ippr.org/files/2020-08/better-than-cure-august-20.pdf>

World Patient Safety Day

The World Health Organisation (WHO) World Patient Safety Day is held annually on 17th September with the aim of raising awareness and improving global understanding of patient safety issues. This year’s theme is

Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety which will focus on the inter-relationship between staff safety and patient safety, illustrated in the WHO slogan ‘Safe health workers, Safe patients’.

Read more here: <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-patient-safety-day/2020#:~:text=Recognizing%20patient%20safety%20as%20a%20global%20health%20priority%2Cglobal%20solidarity%20and%20action%20to%20promote%20patient%20safety.>

Recovery and Rehabilitation

The Scottish Government has released its [Framework for Supporting People through Recovery and Rehabilitation during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) The Framework highlights the WHO definition of Rehabilitation as being ‘a set of interventions designed to optimize functioning and reduce disability in individuals with health conditions in interaction with their environment. Health condition refers to disease (acute or chronic), disorder, injury or trauma. A health condition may also include other circumstances such as pregnancy, ageing, stress, congenital anomaly, or genetic predisposition. Rehabilitation thus maximizes people’s ability to live, work and learn to their best potential. Evidence also suggests that rehabilitation can reduce the functional difficulties associated with ageing and improve quality of life’.

The Framework lists a set of Priorities which includes: Early Intervention and Prevention, Managing Complications and Mental Health (and others). It also highlights the key first steps as including the formation of a National Advisory Board for Rehabilitation which will also address the public health aspect of early intervention for prevention.

Government Statistical Service User Engagement Strategy – Questionnaire

The UK Government Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee (PACAC) recommended that the UK Statistics Authority should develop a strategy for engaging all users of official statistics. The ONS is leading a wider user engagement and implementation plan with the hopes of providing a voice to how statistics are produced and developed. This is a great opportunity to encourage improved accidental injury data. You can fill in the questionnaire here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/GSSuserengagement/>

The questionnaire must be completed by August 31st.

Delivering Virtual Exercise Guidance

Guidance has been issued for falls prevention services. It aims to help with virtual exercise delivery for older people who have the means, motivation and capability to follow visual and audio instructions. You can access this guidance online here: <https://www.laterlifetraining.co.uk/lt-guidance-in-response-to-covid-19-fame-oep-delivered-as-virtual-exercise-programmes-home-alone-guidance/>

Gas Safety Week

Gas Safety Week is taking place between 15th – 21st September. You can pledge your support and help raise awareness of gas safety by following this link:

<https://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/gassafetyweek/>

Useful links

- Scottish Fire and Rescue fire safety quiz: <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/online-hfsv-checker.aspx>

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