

ACCIDENT PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP GROUP NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2017

Dear Accident Prevention Partnership Group Member

This newsletter provides an update on Accident Prevention work happening at local and national level. Regular Partnership Group meetings will not be held at present, but a meeting will be now scheduled for autumn and an invitation will be sent to you.

Accident Prevention work remains a priority for the health and wellbeing of Shropshire people, and the targeted age groups remain at 0 – 5, 5 – 25 and 65+ years.

Please find information, which can be used to support promotional activity in your organisations.



Fidget Spinners

In their latest newsletter, CAPT report that Doctors have raised concerns about cheap fidget spinners with LED lights powered by small 'button' batteries, where the battery compartment is easily accessible to children. You can read the article by clicking [here](#)



Falls from open windows

CAPT are highlighting the risk of young children falling from open upstairs windows during the warmer summer months. They recommend the fitting of window catches, locks or restrictors to stop windows opening too wide. Read more [here](#)



ROSPA 'Lifeline' freephone helpline for parents and carers

Lifeline - RoSPA's Freephone helpline - gives parents and carers someone to talk to if they need accident prevention help. This could include; child car seats, blind cords and garden ponds.

Freephone 0808 801 0822 Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

For more information click [here](#)



PHE England 2015-16 data - Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children and young people

Public Health England data for hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children and young people for 2015/16 in Shropshire shows:

- **0 to 4 years** 156.6 per 10,000, which is worse than the England average of 129.6 per 10,000 in England
- **0 to 14 years** 119.0 per 10,000, which is worse than the England average of 104.2 per 10,000
- **15-24 years** 125.4 per 10,000 which is better than the England average of 134.1 per 10,000

The data can be found by clicking [here](#)



Free Home fire safety visits

Shropshire Fire and Rescue can provide free home fire safety visits to help people stay safe from fire. The visit includes testing smoke alarms and discussing the main causes of fire in the home. During 2017 these will become 'Safe and Well' visits and will include referrals to health and care partners when appropriate. Stay tuned for more information about this.

Visit <https://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/free-home-fire-safety-visit> for more information.



Sharing news across partner organisations

Does your organisation have any news or information about Accident Prevention to share?

If you have any related news or information, which you would like to cascade through the Accident Prevention Partnership Group, please email Val Cross, Health and Wellbeing Officer, Public Health at val.cross@shropshire.gov.uk