

Information Group Position Table



No.	Issue	Background	Current Position	Action Required
1	Headline Fatality Reporting	<p>To date there has been no one single agreed source of water related fatality and drowning statistics in the UK. Forum members between them have several databases and data captures systems within individual organisations.</p> <p>The aim is to utilise these systems to present the most accurate information relating to water related fatalities.</p>	<p>A draft model has been created and circulated for comments.</p> <p>The advisory groups have reviewed the early versions of the reporting system.</p> <p>Input is still required for some of the definitions.</p>	<p>Data from REM / IRIS / MCA databases to be included. (DW/PBR /RW June 06)</p> <p>Redraft of presentation format (RW/ DW May 06).</p> <p>Finalise definitions (SW & advisory groups chairs - May 06)</p> <p>Agreement from coordinating group. (August 06)</p>
2	Five year plan for information group	<p>A central aim of the information group is to produce relevant and useful information that will guide the forum in its prevention aims. The development of a five year plan highlighting strategic work areas to be focused on is essential in meeting the forums overall objectives.</p>	<p>A draft vision document has been circulated within the information and coordinating groups. This is currently being reviewed and redrafted for approval.</p>	<p>Group members for review. (July 06)</p> <p>Redraft (July 06)</p> <p>Presentation to coordinating group. (August 06)</p>

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3	National Water Safety Day	<p>The issue of water safety and in particular drowning does not enjoy the same level of public awareness of as other comparable problems in UK society or abroad.</p> <p>The driver for a national water safety day is resultant from the fact that current UK drowning trends have remained fairly stable but high level over recent years.</p> <p>The aim of a national water safety day would be threefold: first to raise awareness of (in most cases) a preventable problem, second to highlight short term problems and make in roads in the annual drowning toll, and third to raise the profile of the NWSF, its members and the work they are doing to promote safer water use.</p>	<p>A proposal was taken to the NWSF Coordinating Group late 2005. Due to other work commitments the proposal was not moved forward for 2006</p>	<p>Return the proposal to the Coordinating group at the October meeting.</p>
4	Child admission policy research	<p>The forum was tasked with reviewing the background and reasoning for child admission policies in swimming pools, and to see if there was a suitable way forward.</p>	<p>The SWIM research group has reevaluated drowning occurrences in swimming pools and undertaken a lifeguard survey to establish case history and incident / intervention levels in swimming pools</p>	<p>Discussion with parent and pool operator focus groups.</p> <p>Reporting of findings. (Summer 06)</p>
5	REM database projects	<p>The REM databases are a key source of information and a driver for UK water</p>	<p>A new technical group has been established</p>	<p>Redraft and agree group terms of</p>

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		<p>safety activity. The databases: INREM / SEAREM / BEAREM all receive input from a wide range of organisations and sources.</p> <p>The management of these sources and technical issues requires input from more than the hosting organisation.</p>	<p>within the Information group (May 06) to assist with the development of the data sources and to consider the most appropriate data capture systems into the future.</p>	<p>reference.</p> <p>Finalise membership</p> <p>Researching on line and web page capture / reporting systems.</p>
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