

Information Group Position Table February 2007



No.	Issue	Background	Current Position
IG -1/06	Headline Fatality Reporting	<p>To date there has been no 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 collect data to present the most accurate information relating to water related fatalities.</p>	The Information Group (IG) was presented with an update on the 2005 figures.
IG - 2/06	Five year plan for information group	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>The plan was presented to coordinating group (CG) for comment October 2006.</p> <p>IG awaiting confirmation of acceptance at next CG meeting (April 07) as no major issues were raised IG already working to the plan</p>
IG - 3/06	National Water Safety Day	The driver for a national water safety day is resultant from two issues; UK drowning trends have remained fairly "stable" over recent years. and The issue of water safety and in particular drowning does not have the same level of public awareness as other comparable safety issues in UK society or abroad.	<p>Proposal from IG was discussed at last CG meeting.</p> <p>The decision was made that the event could not be given the full resources required for a day to be held in 2007.</p>

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IG - 4/06	Child admission policy research	This review was triggered following a parliamentary question. 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.	Draft submitted to DCMS for comment.
IG - 5/06	REMTEC Working group	The REM databases are a key source of information and a driver for UK water safety activity. The REM databases all receive input from a wide range of organisations and sources. The management of these sources and technical issues requires input from more than the hosting organisation.	<p>Three recommendations have been for consideration primary input.</p> <p>REM-TECH requires additional members to shape new database.</p>
IG - 6/06	Funding	Current REMTEC work will lead to a requirement for secure long term funding of an enhanced data collection/analysis facility. As such funding is not currently in place IG requested consideration of the issue at the Government Interdepartmental group.	<p>Following feedback from the IG paper to GIG the Forum chair sent out a letter to all member organisations requesting information about resources expended & costs incurred for incident recording/investigation and analysis.</p> <p>Paper was submitted to IG by REMTEC with options and possible funding implications for database development.</p>