

Information Group Position Table January 2008



No.	Issue	Background	Current Position	Action Required
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>	2005 Headline Fatality Statistics have been posted to the Forum Website (May 07). 2006 statistics are nearing completion but matching and alignment remains challenging. IG need to determine a process which will enable easier and more timely provision.	Completion of 2006 figures. Agreement of criteria for matching, alignment, and publication
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.	The five year plan has been updated to reflect progress to date. Comments were sought at September CC meeting, no comments received from outside IG, group now working to plan	Update in 2008
3/06	National Water Safety Day	<p>The driver for a national water safety day is resultant from two issues;</p> <p>UK drowning trends have remained fairly "stable" over recent years. and</p> <p>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>	<p>Proposal from IG was discussed at last CC 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>	As there appears little appetite for this initiative at this time no further action at this point.

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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.	Awaiting update from report authors
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.	WAID project group (WPG) formed and have progressed the development of taxonomies & testing of data from INREM. WPG now developing technical specification and process Funding in place. M. Barrett working as Technical Support Manager and Linda Lorimer seconded as Database Manager to progress database work.	WPG to develop the necessary documentation and processes required to go to tender. Management and Reporting protocols to be refined and approved by CC 29 th January 2008
6/06	Funding	Funding stream required for Water Related Accident Database (WAID)	Funding stream provided by DfT, approved by CC, channelled through IG and Technical Support manager for the delivery of the database. RoSPA manage the funds on behalf of NWSF/DfT.	Update paper to be tabled at Co-ordinating group meeting 29 th January 2008 by Technical Support manager.