

Information Group Position Table July 2008



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1/06	Headline Fatality Reporting	The aim of this project is to develop a single set of Headline Fatality Statistics from data collected across the water safety community.	Headline statistics for 2005 were collated and posted to the Forum Website in May 07, 2006 statistics are complete and have been loaded on the Forum website under Statistics Data matching continues to be challenging however development of the WAID database should enable easier and timelier provision of the data.	Completion of 2007 figures. Agreement of criteria for matching, alignment, and publication has been agreed, aim is to complete by 30 th September 08 A draft copy of the statistics will be available for discussion at the CC meeting on 2 nd September
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.	IG group working to agreed 2007 update.	A review of the groups terms of reference and 5 year plan has taken place & will be presented at the September CC meeting,
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.	Project still on list for future action.	

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5/06	WAID Project	Following work completed by Rescue Emergencies Technical group the WAID project group is progressing the development and introduction of a new Water Incident Database (WAID) .	WAID project group have progressed the development of taxonomies developed technical specification and initial development work with the chosen contractor. Additional funding has been secured to complete stage 1 of the development during current financial year.	Continuing development to completion overseen by Forum Technical Support Manager. See separate WAID Project table for further details
6/06	Funding	The development of the WAID database is a critical step to producing timely meaningful statistics. Once complete there will be a need for ongoing funding and human resource to ensure data input, analysis and reporting is both timely & accurate.	Currently funding in place from DfT.	With Technical Support Manager, progress development of other funding streams