

**WATER SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS – GUIDANCE
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Introductions and welcome

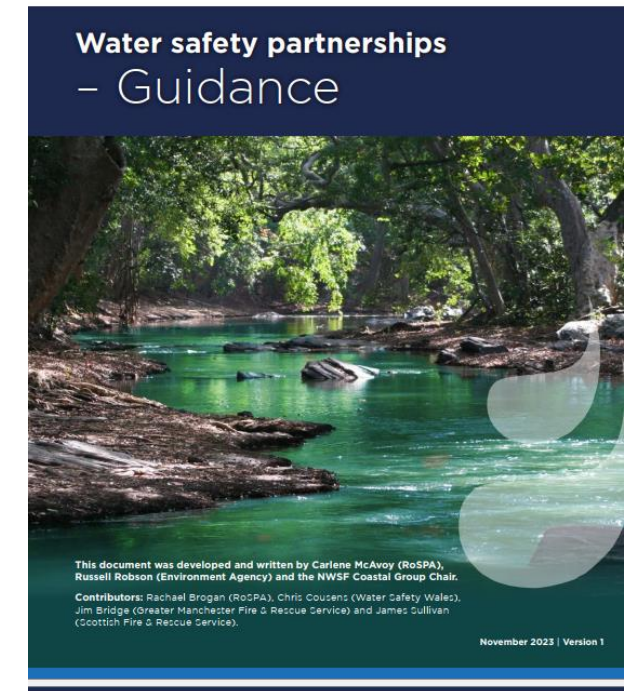
Russell Robson, Chair of Inland Group of NWSF

Brief overview of the document

Carlene McAvoy, RoSPA

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- National to local
- No one way to create a water safety group
- The guidance presents three approaches and four case studies
- The guidance also presents the key elements needed in the development and success of a water safety group



Setting up a water safety action group

Lee Heard, RLSS UK



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Royal Life Saving Society UK

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www.rlss.org.uk



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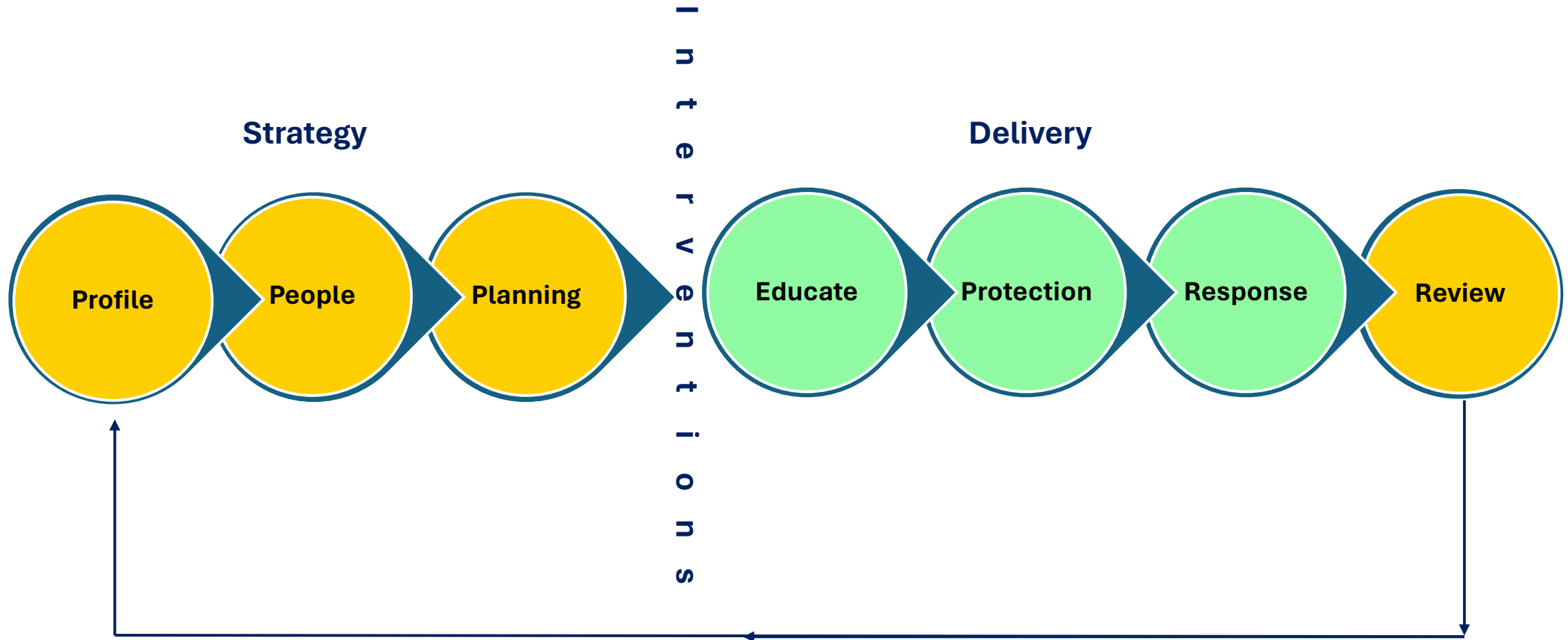
History and Evolution



Multi-sectoral and collaborative approaches to prevent drowning are essential for impactful and informed local interventions

- A need for local targeted approaches
- Impressive organic growth
- A greater need to network, learn and standardise

Water Safety Plan Process





Profile

- National data and insight
- Local data and insight
- Fatal vs non-fatal
- Analysis of current or ongoing initiatives



Enjoy Water **Safely**

People





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Planning

- Structure
- Scope
- Commitment
- Agreed plan

Interventions



EDUCATE

Exploring preventative measures and campaigns



PROTECTION

Exploring physical changes



RESPONSE

Exploring proactive and reactive response measures

Review

Measuring interventions and reviewing your approach

- We need data and evidence to build support for ongoing and new interventions
- Go beyond the high-level numbers and understand the impact
- Regularly review your wider approach

Learning Points

Ownership is critical

Use data and insight to focus in on risk

Spend energy influencing the right people

Create and manage realistic goals

Community water safety groups and plans have had success

Community engagement is evident and important

Illumination of the good work of local work is inspiring

Water Safety Partnerships from a Coastal Perspective

Richard Wasson, NWSF Chair of Coastal Group of NWSF

A Partnership Approach to Water Safety

James Sullivan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Partnership Approach to Water Safety - PAWS



A multi-agency approach to raising water safety awareness that combines the knowledge and experience of those individuals and organisations in our communities that best understand the risks, and can manage them.

Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy

- Reduce accidental drowning deaths in Scotland by 50 per cent by 2026 and reduce risk among the highest-risk populations, groups and communities
- Contribute to the reduction of water-related suicide.

3 Key Stages of PAWS

- Prevention
- Improved Incident Response
- Review

Key Stage 1 - Prevention

- Education
- Social Media
- Engagement

Key Stage 2 – Improved Incident Response

- Inform the public how to safely respond to a water emergency
- Identify local risks and hot spot locations
- Multi-agency exercises

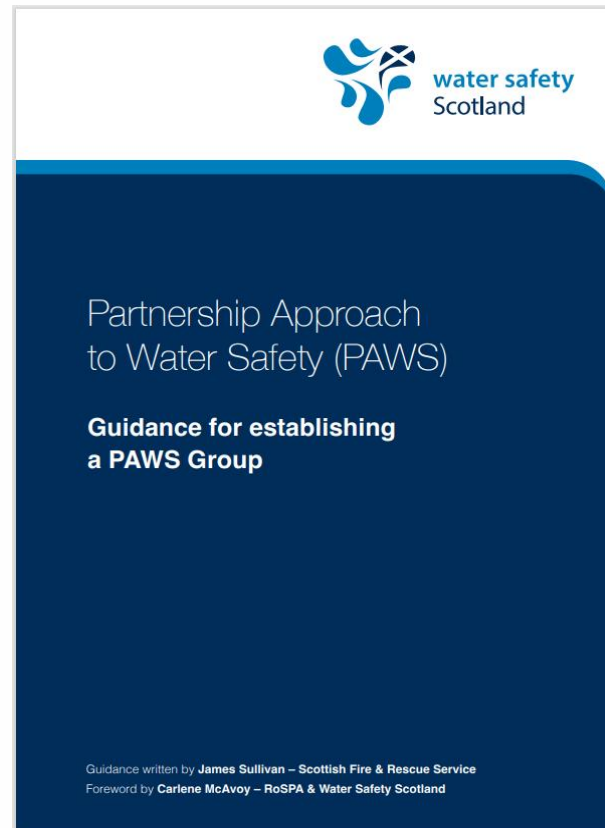
Key Stage 3 – Review

- Drowning and Incident Review (DIR)
- Refocus Prevention measures through lessons learned

Delivering PAWS

- Regular scheduled meetings
- Track local progress
- Engagement with Community Planning Partnership
- Annual review of PAWS Agreement

WSS Guidance and Support for PAWS



Thank you

Further information on PAWS can be found by visiting
www.watersafetyscotland.org.uk

A case study: Greater Manchester Water Safety Strategic Partnership

Jim Bridge, GM Water Safety Strategic Partnership

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National Structures

National Water Safety Forum
North West Regional Water Safety Forum
GM Water Safety Strategic Partnership
Borough Community Safety Partnerships
Borough Water Safety Partnerships



Three Step Approach

GMWSSP

10 Borough CSPs

1. Water Safety Partnership
2. Borough Risk Review
3. Community Action Plan

Key Issues

Chair

Partner Support

Frequency

Risk Review

Action Plan

Attendees

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Local Authority

Leisure, Community Safety, Green Spaces, Licensing,
Planning, Education?

GMP

CS, S or CI?, Local Knowledge – PC, CSO?

GMFRS

GM, SM and/or WM?

Partner Agencies

Canal and Rivers Trust

United Utilities

Nighttime Economy

Schools/Colleges/Universities

Community Groups

Local Landowners



The Three Pillars

We have drawn up a Strategic Action Plan based on the GMWSSP Strategy document and structured around the Three Pillars therein.

Information

Education

Protection

Next Steps

1. Arrange inaugural meeting with all partners
2. Draw up a Terms of Reference
3. Complete a full Risk Review of all water risks in Bolton Borough
4. Begin a Bolton Community Water Safety Action Plan
5. Decide future meeting frequency and activity

On-going Workstreams

1. Design “Low Level” Risk Review Process
2. Engage local leaders in Water Safety
3. Embed Water Safety in school curriculum
4. Scope funding to support local WSPs
5. Collaborative approach to suicide by drowning
6. Improve data collection and sharing

Any Questions?

Question and Answer Session

Sum up and conclusions