

## Injury Prevention Network Group: Minutes

**Date:** 19 July 2019      **Time:** 10.00am-12.00pm      **Venue:** Injury Matters, Leederville and via webinar

### 1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting was hosted from Injury Matters and was chaired by Sam Dowling.

Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Region
Samantha Dowling	Injury Matters	Metro
Glenda Spain-Dixon	Injury Matters	Metro
Rachel Meade	Injury Matters	Metro
Juliana Summers	Injury Matters	Metro
Erica Davison	Department of Health	Metro
Bradley Isbister	Neami National	Metro
Rachel Murray	Royal Life Saving Society WA	Metro
Engel Prendergast	WALGA Roadwise	Metro
Dr Ann-Maree Lynch	WA Poisons Information Centre	Metro
Rebecca Carman	Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	Metro
Shannen Vallesi	UWA	Metro
Dr Trudi Cooper	ECU	Metro

Apologies:

Name	Organisation	Region
Peter Erceg	South Metro Health Service	Metro
Gretchen Waddell	Kidsafe WA	Metro
Dr Fiona Wood	Department of Health	Metro
Krista Coward	North Metro Health Service	Metro
Jessica Carter	North Metro Health Service	Metro
Amber Giblett	WACHS	Great Southern
Louise Watson	WACHS	Pilbara
Kath Blackman	Royal Perth Hospital	Metro
Vilma Palacios	North Metro Health Service	Metro
Richard Crane	South Metro Health Service	Metro
Kellie Christie	Royal Perth Hospital	Metro
Jo Drayton	Holyoake	Wheatbelt

Eloise Fewster	Holyoake	Wheatbelt
James D'Alesio	Lifeline WA	Metro/Statewide
Nicky Smith	WALGA Roadwise	South West
Catrina Wold	Injury Matters	Metro
Kade Sims	WACHS	Great Southern
Qasim Rehman	WACHS	Midwest
Lauren Fortington	ACRISP	National
Pippa Broughton	WACHS	Kimberley

2. **Presentation** – Shannen Vallesi provided an overview of the Royal Perth Hospital Homelessness Team and some key highlights of their program from their first two and a half years of operation.

<http://homeleshealthcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Summary-Report-FINAL.pdf>



Shannen Vallesi -  
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3. **Presentation** – Dr Trudi Cooper (ECU) who share with us information on the 'Policy and Support Needs of Independent Homeless Young People 12-15 Years: Young People's Voices' report which she recently prepared for the Commissioner for Children and Young People, Western Australia.

<https://www.ccpw.wa.gov.au/our-work/projects/youth-homelessness/>

<https://www.ccpw.wa.gov.au/media/2963/report-policy-and-support-needs-of-independent-homeless-young-people.pdf>



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#### 4. Program Updates

##### Injury Matters

- Recently received a 5 year funding extension from the Department of Health for Know Injury and Stay On Your Feet® .
- Know Injury Program: Currently developing training strategy and calendar of events.
- Stay On Your Feet® program: currently preparing for next falls prevention campaign called *Move Your Body*, release of WA Falls report in September, developing training strategy and planning TV campaign for falls prevention.

- Regional visits: Narembeen (July) to deliver a *Grief and Loss, Supporting Others* workshop. Road Trauma Support (RTS) will also be visiting Albany (August) and Bunbury (September).
- RTS has recently developed a new brochure to promote their counselling service.
- Quad Bike Toolkit has recently been developed and is available on the Know Injury website. <https://knowinjury.org.au/campaign/>

### **Royal Lifesaving WA**

- Currently completing end of financial year reporting and new financial year planning.
- Have received a five (5) year funding extension.
- Currently developing a Water Safety education/health promotion program for Adults.
- Have plans to expand water safety programs into more regional areas.
- Western Australian *Drowning* report (2017-2018) is being released soon.
- National *Drowning* report (2018-2019) is due to be released in September.

### **Poisons Information Centre**

- National Poisons Centre Network, which currently consists of four (4) centres (Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth) is currently being reviewed.
- Recently attended a WHO meeting in Edinburgh, as Ann-Maree has been asked to collaborate with poisons centres across the world to re-write the *Guidelines for Poison Control* (WHO document). There are 30 people worldwide who will be contributing to this document.
- Australian Poisons Centre Network has collaborated on a cost-benefit analysis study to determine how many health dollars poisons centres save, which has been determined to be between a 3-1 to 5-1 saving in preventing unnecessary ED attendances/use of health system resources. The findings of the study have been submitted to the MJA.
- Continuing to work with food safety team (WA Health) to investigate the toxicity of caffeinated beverages, there is 10 years' worth of data to analyse.
- Currently working with Griffith University on a data analysis project related to mushroom and fungi poisons.

### **Neami National**

- Currently experiencing some challenges within the mental health sector due to distribution of funding and service continuation uncertainty.
- Currently experiencing some challenges in addressing NDIS service gaps in mental health sector for clients not eligible for NDIS. Funding arrangements still in development with PHN. Temporary arrangements in place to September 2019.
- Providing input into the Mental Health Commission Action Plan 2020-2025. MHC currently conducting community consultations for Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2021 – 2025. Details are below if you wish to participate in the online survey or talk directly to a consultant.
- Review of the Suicide Prevention Strategy 2020 currently being undertaken by MHC.
- Input into the National Mental Health Commission strategic planning 2020-2030, visit <https://www.mentalhealthcommission.gov.au/our-work/connections.aspx> to provide input.
- Looking for collaborations with other organisations to reduce the stigma around mental health. Events may include: R U OK day? World Mental Health Day.

- Currently developing new culturally appropriate resources for CALD communities and working with North Metro Tafe to promote the importance of good mental health to CALD students.

#### **WALGA**

- Attended *Imagine Zero* strategy community consultation forum.
- Attended the Road Safety Executive Leadership program and member of one of the groups looking at supporting local communities to implement lower urban speed limits.
- Currently working with 3 Local Governments in regional areas to strategise ways to improve road safety (Shark Bay/Denham, Exmouth and Carnarvon); are looking at areas that would benefit from 30km speed limits as a survivable speed.
- Would like to see more synergy between services to have a greater impact on broader injury prevention, ie: road safety can be promoted while being linked to other health messages.

#### **Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital**

- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital is currently focusing on addressing Homelessness issues amongst its patients and people who present to ED with no fixed address. Currently working towards improving awareness of homelessness issues internally amongst staff and improving ways of working to link people in need with the services they need outside of the hospital system and providing more resources both to staff and patients.
- Currently developing a Homelessness policy.
- Saw a huge increase in influenza ED presentations during the month of June, including an increase in elderly people who had fallen due to being unwell with the flu.
- Currently working on a research study for anti-coagulation therapy and the impact of trauma, the study is based on data from 2012-2017.
- Currently engaging with St Vincent's Hospital to develop an improved pathway for working with people who present to ED under the influence of methamphetamine.
- National Drug Research Institute Director for Australia will be coming to speak to staff about new treatment modalities for meth-affected patients and results from recent preliminary trials.
- Currently delivering a *Residential Care-Link* program by visiting elderly people in residential care to clinically review patients prior to them arriving at ED.

#### **Department of Health**

- Five (5) year funding has been received for injury prevention programs, with funding being awarded to preferred service providers.
- Currently developing new financial year work plan.
- Currently exploring the possibility of commissioning an *Incidence and Cost of Injury in WA* report.
- The Commonwealth Department of Health recently agreed to commission a new version of the *National Injury Prevention Strategic Plan*, which will be developed by the George Institute. The development of the plan will be led by an expert working group which is currently being established, the chair of the group is Kate Hunter, who will be visiting Perth at the end of August.

- Currently working with the Road Safety Commission to provide consultation for the *Imagine Zero* strategy.
- The Public Health Act is requiring Local Governments to complete Public Health Plans within the next few years; a team within the Department of Health is currently developing guiding documents for Local Governments to help them with their Public Health Planning requirements.

## 5. Advocacy

### Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2021 - 2025

Consultations are occurring across Metro Perth – more face to face/one on one – not group/large consultations. Tuna Blue are coordinating the consultation process – their email is [hello@tunablue.com.au](mailto:hello@tunablue.com.au) and you can contact them to request a meeting.

There is also an online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SP2025>



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### Imagine Zero

There are many metro and regional consultations occurring. The Consultation document can be found at – [www.imaginezero.rsc.wa.gov.au](http://www.imaginezero.rsc.wa.gov.au)



Imagine Zero  
Consultation Paper.

### Climate Health WA Inquiry

Public forums are also being undertaken in metro and regional WA. These will be an opportunity to discuss how climate change is affecting their communities and how health services can prepare for these impacts.

Climate Health WA Terms of Reference and Submission form can be found below.



Terms of Reference  
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## Terms of Reference

IPNG Terms of Reference have recently been updated.



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## Upcoming Events

- Grassroots Falls Festival September 2019,  
<http://grassrootsfallsfestival.com.au/sponsorship-and-exhibition/>
- AIPN Australasian Injury Prevention Conference (November).  
<https://event.icebergevents.com.au/injuryprevention2019>

## 6. Sector News

The George Institute has recently released a new report to tackle high rates of unintentional injury among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. The *Active & Safe* report is available online:

<https://www.georgeinstitute.org.au/news/new-report-to-tackle-high-rates-of-unintentional-injury-among-aboriginal-and-torres-strait>

## 7. Injury Prevention Network Group date and location for next meeting

- Friday 18 October 2019, Injury Matters, Leederville.

## 8. Close of Meeting

12pm