Reducing unintentional injuries in and around the home among children under five years

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INTRODUCTION

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METHODS

An analysis was conducted of the most recent five years of data available from mortality statistics emergency hospital admissions (HES).

The initial findings were discussed with a large stakeholder group and key prevention opportunities were identified. The data and the conclusions are summarised in PHE's briefing document Reducing Unintentional Injuries in and around the home among children under five years.

THE FIVE INJURY PRIORITIES FOR THE U-5s

Falls
Poisoning
Burns and scalds
Choking, suffocation, strangulation
Drowning

INTRODUCTORY TRENDS

The five injury priorities for the U-5s

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Numbers of emergency hospital admissions for unintentional injuries, by age group and year

Figure 1. Numbers of emergency hospital admissions for unintentional injuries, by age group and year. England, 2008/09-2012/13.

The five injury priorities for the U-5s

The main causes of emergency hospital admissions and deaths for under-fives following unintentional injuries in and around the home, ONS, England, Crown Copyright

Figure 2 (above)

The right hand column in Figure 2 shows the number of deaths during the corresponding period, 2008-12, with the number for each cause.

Figure 3 (left)

The diagram shows something of the diversity of roles that can play a part in reducing unintentional injuries in and around the home among children under five years. Individuals with these posts, and many more, registered online for information from CAPT about Child Safety Week in June 2014.

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