

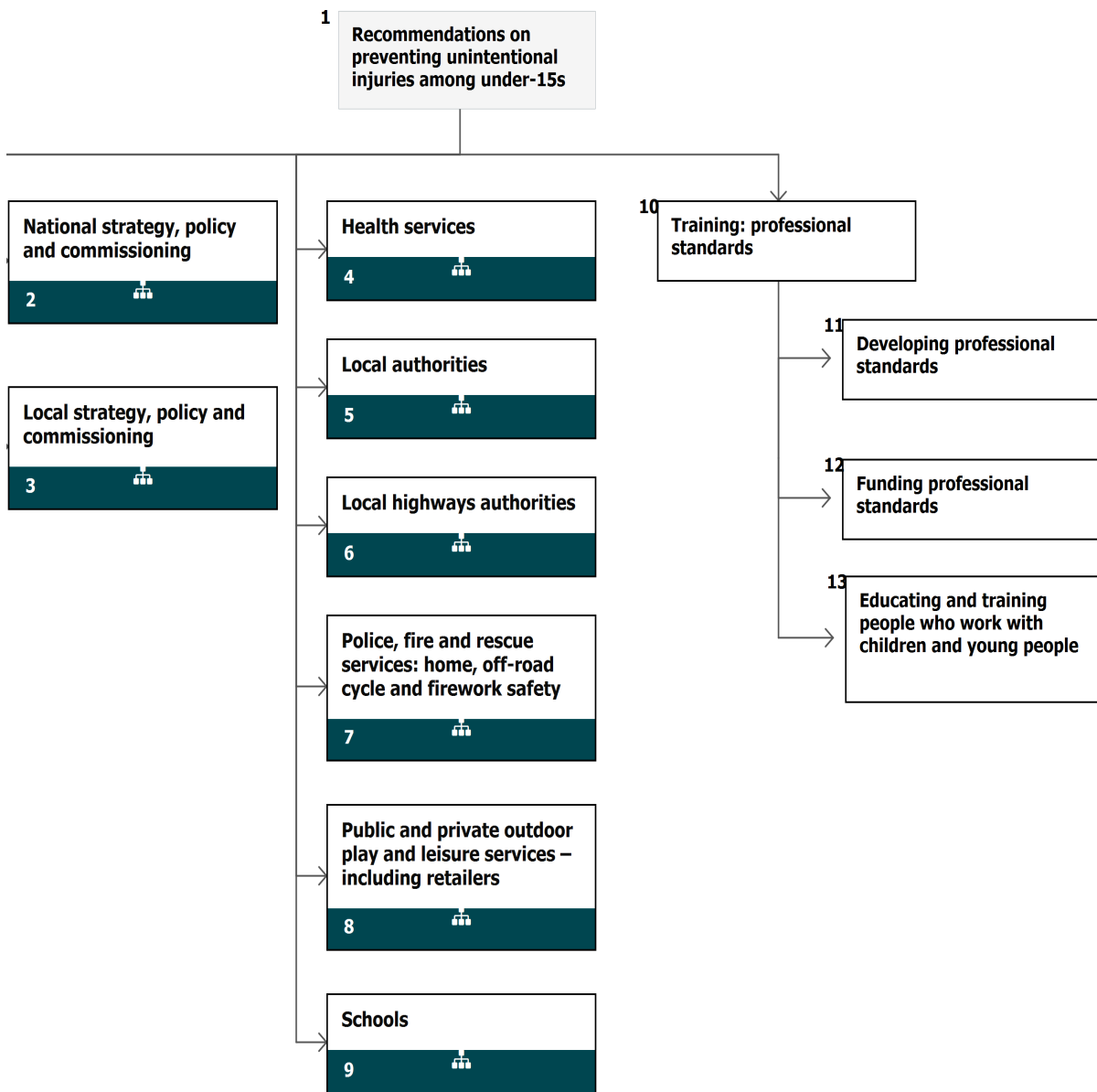
Unintentional injuries among under-15s overview

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1 Recommendations on preventing unintentional injuries among under-15s

No additional information

2 National strategy, policy and commissioning

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3 Local strategy, policy and commissioning

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7 Police, fire and rescue services: home, off-road cycle and firework safety

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8 Public and private outdoor play and leisure services – including retailers

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9 Schools

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10 Training: professional standards

Professional standards are needed to set out the knowledge and skills (or 'competencies') required for a range of injury prevention roles within and outside the NHS. Funding to develop these standards and curricula – and the provision of accessible training – is also required.

11 Developing professional standards

Who should take action?

Faculty of Public Health.

Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC).

Royal colleges and professional bodies (for example, the Nursing and Midwifery Council).

Health Professions Council.

Sector skills councils.

Relevant voluntary sector organisations.

Universities.

What action should they take?

Develop professional standards for unintentional injury prevention. These should take into account the different roles and responsibilities of professionals working within and outside the NHS. They should also take practitioners' views into account.

Ensure all relevant organisations incorporate these standards into their professional skills development programmes.

12 Funding professional standards

This national recommendation has been made to support local action. The decision on whether it is taken forward – and how it is prioritised – will be determined by government and subject to statutory regulatory and cost-impact assessments.

What action should be taken?

The Department of Health and the Department for Education could encourage funding for educational establishments and organisations to help them develop standards for competencies in – and courses and modules on – the prevention of unintentional injuries among children and young people. The establishments and organisations involved could include:

- the Faculty of Public Health
- the Children's Workforce Development Council
- universities
- royal colleges
- organisations in the voluntary sector.

13 Educating and training people who work with children and young people

Who should take action?

Local authority children's services and their partnerships, including local safeguarding children boards.

Local injury prevention coordinators.

Commissioners, managers and practitioners working in health, social care and education services.

Relevant organisations in the voluntary and private sector.

What action should they take?

Provide access to appropriate education and training in how to prevent unintentional injuries for everyone who works with (or cares for and supports) children, young people and their families.

Prioritise those who work directly with children, young people and their families.

Ensure the education and training:

- supports the wider child health remit (for example, the promotion of children and young people's development)
- helps develop an understanding of the importance of preventing unintentional injuries and their consequences and the preventive measures available.

Ensure specialist education and training is monitored and evaluated to see what effect it has on practitioner performance. Revise approaches that are found to be ineffective.

a home safety assessment is the process of systematically identifying potential hazards in the home, evaluating the risks and providing information or advice on how to reduce them. Other terms commonly used to describe the same process include 'home risk assessment' and 'home safety check'. It may be carried out by a trained assessor or by parents, carers and other householders using an appropriate checklist¹

Engineering measures

engineering measures to reduce speed or make routes safer comprise physical features such as speed humps, chicanes or changes in traffic priority (that is, changes in the right for traffic to proceed). These may be used on single roads or across a larger area. 20 mph limits are imposed using signs at the start and end of roads covered by the limit and reminder signs at points in between (terminal and repeater signing). 20 mph zones are areas where engineering measures must be used to slow traffic

Home

home refers to the inside of the dwelling itself. It does not include the garden or outbuildings

Home safety equipment

home safety equipment is any device used to prevent injury in the home. This includes door guards and cupboard locks, safety gates and barriers, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, thermostatic mixing valves and window restrictors

Permanent safety equipment

permanent home safety equipment is defined as a device that needs to be fitted and cannot easily be modified or removed by the householder. Examples include hard-wired or 10-year battery operated smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, thermostatic mixing valves and window restrictors

Surveillance

surveillance of any health issue is defined as the: 'systematic, ongoing collection, collation and analysis of health-related information that is communicated in a timely manner to all who need to know which health problems require action in their community'. Last JM (2007) A dictionary of public health. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Sources

Unintentional injuries: prevention strategies for under 15s (2010) NICE guideline PH29

Your responsibility

Guidelines

The recommendations in this guideline represent the view of NICE, arrived at after careful consideration of the evidence available. When exercising their judgement, professionals and practitioners are expected to take this guideline fully into account, alongside the individual needs, preferences and values of their patients or the people using their service. It is not mandatory to apply the recommendations, and the guideline does not override the responsibility to make decisions appropriate to the circumstances of the individual, in consultation with them and their families and carers or guardian.

Local commissioners and providers of healthcare have a responsibility to enable the guideline to be applied when individual professionals and people using services wish to use it. They should do so in the context of local and national priorities for funding and developing services, and in light of their duties to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity and to reduce health inequalities. Nothing in this guideline should be interpreted in a way that would be inconsistent with complying with those duties.

Commissioners and providers have a responsibility to promote an environmentally sustainable health and care system and should assess and reduce the environmental impact of implementing NICE recommendations wherever possible.

Technology appraisals

The recommendations in this interactive flowchart represent the view of NICE, arrived at after careful consideration of the evidence available. When exercising their judgement, health professionals are expected to take these recommendations fully into account, alongside the

¹ Home safety assessment tools are available from [The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents](#) and [SafeHome](#).

individual needs, preferences and values of their patients. The application of the recommendations in this interactive flowchart is at the discretion of health professionals and their individual patients and do not override the responsibility of healthcare professionals to make decisions appropriate to the circumstances of the individual patient, in consultation with the patient and/or their carer or guardian.

Commissioners and/or providers have a responsibility to provide the funding required to enable the recommendations to be applied when individual health professionals and their patients wish to use it, in accordance with the NHS Constitution. They should do so in light of their duties to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity and to reduce health inequalities.

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Medical technologies guidance, diagnostics guidance and interventional procedures guidance

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Commissioners and/or providers have a responsibility to implement the recommendations, in their local context, in light of their duties to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations. Nothing in this interactive flowchart should be interpreted in a way that would be inconsistent with compliance with those duties.

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