

# Accident Prevention Networks Across the UK

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# UK Networks & Topics Covered

- 100s of networks / groups covering many topics (*including road, home, water, leisure, fire, sports, occupational*)
- Structured in a variety of ways for differing needs (e.g. *voluntary, statutory, practitioner, research, advisory, charity, government*)
- Funded by various sources (e.g. *governments, health grants, charities, research grants, Europe*)
- Some topic areas well structured / funded – others are not
- Postcode lottery



# Is there a need for networks?

- Inform legislation and strategies
- Advise
- Raise awareness and priority
- Share & increase knowledge
- Inform research.....



# Limiting Factors

- Some networks and topic areas well supported
- National networks = supported
- Local networks = isolated?
- Funding for networks varies - topic and geographic
- Access to information
- Practitioner knowledge
- Data
- Collaboration
- Strategic support



# Moving Unintentional Injury Prevention Forward

## What do networks need?

- Robust government led strategies
- Sustainable funding
- Dedicated roles
- Greater access to prevention professionals
- 'Real' collaboration

