

BLSP Accidents Conference October 2005

A successful Accidents Conference took place on the 7 October 2005 at Clumber Park. The topic of the day was "Avoidable Injury" and the purpose of the event was to develop a strategic framework and outline action plan to tackle accidental injury within Bassetlaw.

This event was organised by a multi-agency planning group with representatives from the following BLSP partners:

- ▶ Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust
- ▶ Nottinghamshire Police
- ▶ Bassetlaw District Council
- ▶ Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue
- ▶ Nottinghamshire County Council

all of which are partners of Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership. The event was well attended with over 70 delegates from a cross section of organisations in the public, private, charitable, and voluntary sector.

A colleague from The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents opened the event with her presentation giving the national picture on the prevalence and causes of accidents. This was followed up by one of the BPCT Public Health Information Analysts who put the national picture into a local context for Bassetlaw.

A carousel workshop was then facilitated by one of our colleagues from Nottinghamshire Police, this covered specific accident hot topics such as Falls; Childhood Accidents; Community Safety; and Land Traffic Collisions. The focus of the carousel was to identify local priorities for action and how and who could take these actions forward across the partner agencies.

During lunch displays and information on local avoidable injury initiatives were showcased. Over 13 organisations took place with the highlight of the day being the arrival of the external displays, which included:

- ▶ Stopping distance brake testing vehicle and people silhouettes provided Nottinghamshire County Council Road Safety Team;
- ▶ Crashed vehicle simulator and rescue equipment, provided by Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue;
- ▶ SAFE Scheme, provided by Nottinghamshire Police

To add a bit of fun and to promote networking on the day a short quiz took place during lunch. The winner received the prize of a meal for two donated by Clumber Park Hotel.

The event was very successful with lots of positive feedback on the day a formal evaluation revealed that 70% of those who filled in an evaluation form scored the event as overall very good/excellent.



Crashed vehicle simulator and rescue equipment, provided by Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue

All of the information gained during the event is currently being analysed and will be used to inform the development of the Bassetlaw Avoidable Injury Strategy and Action Plan which will be circulated in draft for comment in the New Year.

If you would like to be kept informed on the progress of the this work or to make any comments, please contact Sharon Ward, Public Health Programme Manager on email: Sharon.Ward@bassetlaw-pct.nhs.uk or telephone 01909 476563