

1. World Drowning Prevention Day was held on 25 July. Thanks to all who supported the day. There was some great interaction (even the Kelpies were lit up blue!) and WSS was used as an example within the WHO Debrief.
2. Unfortunately that weekend In July also saw a number of fatalities across Scotland. As a result, the Minister for Community Safety, Ash Denham, held a meeting with key stakeholders on the 11 August. The Water Safety Scotland Steering Group were in attendance and were invited to provide an overview of water safety in Scotland and recent data. The full minutes of the meeting can be found online [here](#). A second meeting to update on progress was held on the 22nd September.
3. Following the Ministerial meeting, The Steering Group have been working on membership and we now have a number of new organisations officially joined. A full Steering Group meeting was also held on the 6th September to discuss future governance and ways of working.
4. RNLI and RoSPA met with Education Scotland to discuss working together and getting the planned Water Safety Scotland Lesson in schools. This work is ongoing but positive and more information will be provided in the Education Subgroup update.
5. Members of the Steering Group have attended numerous meetings including the NWSF meetings, a Child Death Review meeting and local water safety group meetings in Glasgow, Dumfries and Galloway, East Lothian, Aberdeen, Argyll and Bute and Moray.
6. The Drowning and Incident Review has its pilot sessions planned and more will be updated in the WSS Data Subgroup update.
7. The Four Year Review of SDPS is underway and the strategy subgroup has been extended to include all subgroup chairs. More information will be provided in the strategy subgroup update.