



trauma and injury intelligence group

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Accidents and injuries have been identified as contributing to the priority areas of the public health white paper Choosing Health and the issue is still a priority across government departments. The Trauma and Injury Intelligence Group (TIIG) was established to look at access to good quality, reliable and consistent information across Merseyside (and now Cheshire). A major element of TIIG is the establishment of an Injury Surveillance System for Cheshire and Merseyside.

Injury Surveillance System

TIIG currently collects and reports on injury data from a number of Accident and Emergency departments across Merseyside. It aims to approach and invite other Accident and Emergency (A&E) departments along with the emergency services and other key agencies across the region to contribute to TIIG in the near future.

Reporting

Monthly

- Identifying key trends

Quarterly

- Bringing together data from all contributors this report will identify key trends and key areas for development. Each quarterly report will also focus on themes such as: older people and falls, children and inequalities, transport, assaults, and fire and burns

Annual

- Will detail TIIG progress and recommendations for development

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

- In the future when data quality has been enhanced regular reports to CDRPs and Joint Action Groups will be developed, focusing on intentional injury and assault.

Current Accident and Emergency providers:

- Arrowe Park
- Aintree
- Alder Hey Children's Hospital
- Royal Liverpool
- Whiston

Examples of injury data collected:

- Injury Group
- Time and date of attendance
- Gender
- Age
- Incident location
- A&E arrival mode

Progress since last update (October 2004)

- New data providers - Whiston A&E department have now signed up to share data with TIIG.
- Preparatory work with additional data providers:
 - Warrington and Countess of Chester A&E departments initial discussions
 - Developing protocol for exchange of data with Mersey Regional Ambulance Service (MRAS)
 - Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service and Merseyside Police initial discussions
- Regular provider based monthly reports for A&E data sent to providers, PCTs, CDRPs
- First TIIG themed report published in April 2005 – Older Adults and Falls
- Seminar held in April inviting a range of organisations to help develop the next four themed reports. Assaults report is scheduled for publication at the end of June 2005, with subsequent reports to focus on Children and Inequalities, Traffic Accidents and Fire and Burns.
- Presentation at the 2nd North West Public Health Conference focusing on assaults, which aimed to illustrate how data held by TIIG can be used by other agencies to inform local strategies and intervention programmes. Copies will be made available on the TIIG website (see address below).

TIIG reports and background information on the programme are available on our website: www.nwpho.org.uk/ait.

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