

Child Accident Prevention Jersey
Annual Report
2017



Throughout 2017 Child Accident Prevention Jersey (CAPJ) has continued to be committed to “reducing the incidence and impact of unintentional injury to children aged 0 – 12 years in the community.”



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Introduction

This report highlights the risks to children from unintentional injuries, the work Child Accident Prevention Jersey are doing to reduce those risks and an outline of the work planned for 2018.

It will also link to future projects and goals set out in our strategy for 2018 – 2020.

2017 has been another productive and successful year for Child accident Prevention Jersey (CAPJ).

We have delivered a number of successful campaigns to the islands children and young people and in order to achieve this, we visited 31 primary schools and 8 secondary schools.

In order to get our messages to our target audience, 0 – 12 year olds, we made approximately 135 visits to school classes and we had 31 primary school Year 5 classes visit us during our annual Safety In Action event.

During these sessions we have given a variety of safety information, all designed to help children and young people make practical and informed decisions regarding their own safety.

This advice has included information on dog safety, home safety, fire prevention, beach and water safety, road safety, seatbelt safety, First Aid, play safety, sun safety, making escape plans and contacting the emergency services.

We believe that our example of partnership working demonstrates the positive outcomes possible for children and young people when this joined up approach is undertaken.

Both our website and Face Book page have proved invaluable in sharing safety messages with young people, parents and the general public. We have successfully used these tools to answer safety queries or to signpost people to other agencies as well as a method of highlighting local, national and international safety campaigns.

It is important to remember that, whilst children should be allowed to explore and play and that this will inevitably involve bumps and grazes, we remain committed to reducing the incidence and impact of unintentional injuries to children aged 0 – 12 years old in the community.

We believe that by following this principle, we will prevent the pain and distress caused to the child and their family as well as the financial costs to individuals and society as a whole.

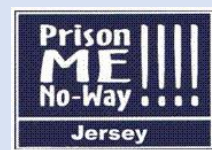
Partnership Working.

Family Nursing & Home Care employs and funds a part-time (18.5 hours) Child Accident Prevention Jersey coordinator.

Organisational representatives on CAPJ strategic and CAPJ operational committees during 2017 included;

- Family Nursing & Home Care
- Education, Sport & Culture
- SOJ Fire & Rescue Service
- SOJ Ambulance Service
- Jersey Child Care Trust
- Headway
- Jersey Coastguard
- Health
- Trading Standards
- Prison! Me! No Way!
- Department for Infrastructure
- SOJ Police
- The Bosdet Foundation
- St John Ambulance
- Volunteers

The commitment shown by those on both the operational and strategic groups is supported by each individual's senior management team and this allows them to use their expertise and resources to further promote the work of CAPJ.



With this model of multi-agency working we ensure that all Child Accident Prevention Jersey efforts and campaigns are co-ordinated and efficient, using the strengths and skills of those involved to best inform our children and their families, our professionals and the wider community.

Finances

Child Accident Prevention Jersey finances are managed and audited by Family Nursing & Home Care.

Whilst the salary of the coordinator (18.5hours) is paid for by FNHC all other campaigns run are supported by grants and charitable donations, for which CAPJ are extremely grateful.

Without this support we would not be able to offer the wide ranging advice and information required to keep our children and young people safe.

During 2017, a number of grants were applied for to support a variety of ongoing projects.

CAPJ were successful with the following applications;

- ESC agreed to support Safety In Action for 2017 with a grant of £3158.00



- Peter Green Builders supported the design, translation and production of our new Home Safety leaflets with a donation of £1000.00



- The Lions Club of Jersey supported the build and purchase of a new kitchen for our Safety In Action event as well as the continued delivery of our Speak Dog & Stay Safe campaign with a donation of £1750.00



- Jersey Electricity plc supported the production of our emergency contact cards with a donation of £919.00

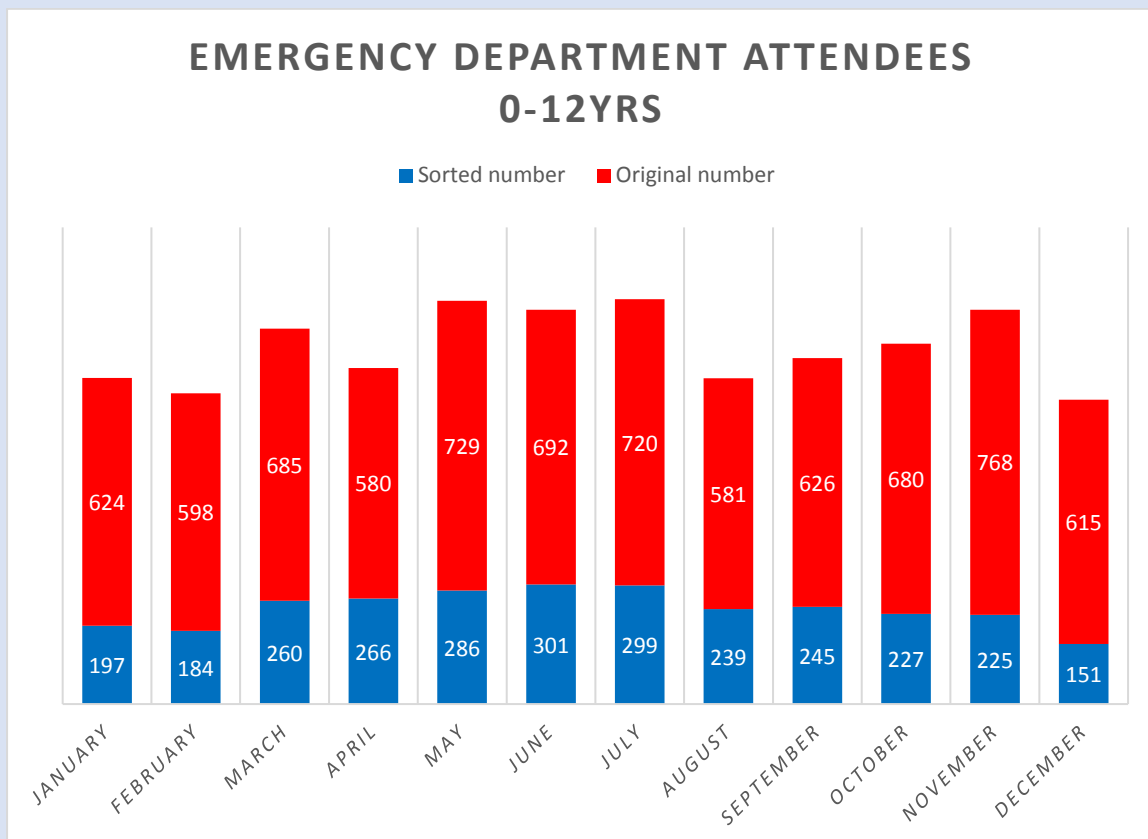


Overall annual statistics

Data collection shows that, for 2017, a total of 7898 children aged between 0 and 12 years old presented at the Emergency Department (ED) of the Jersey General Hospital.

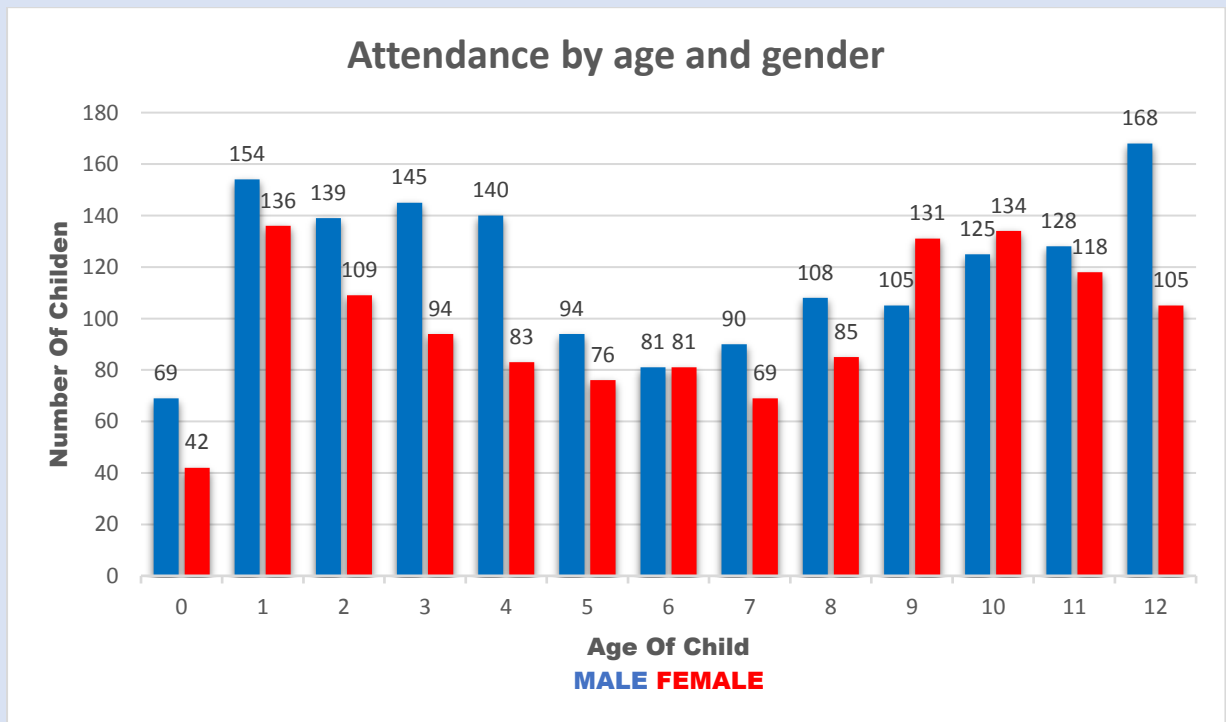
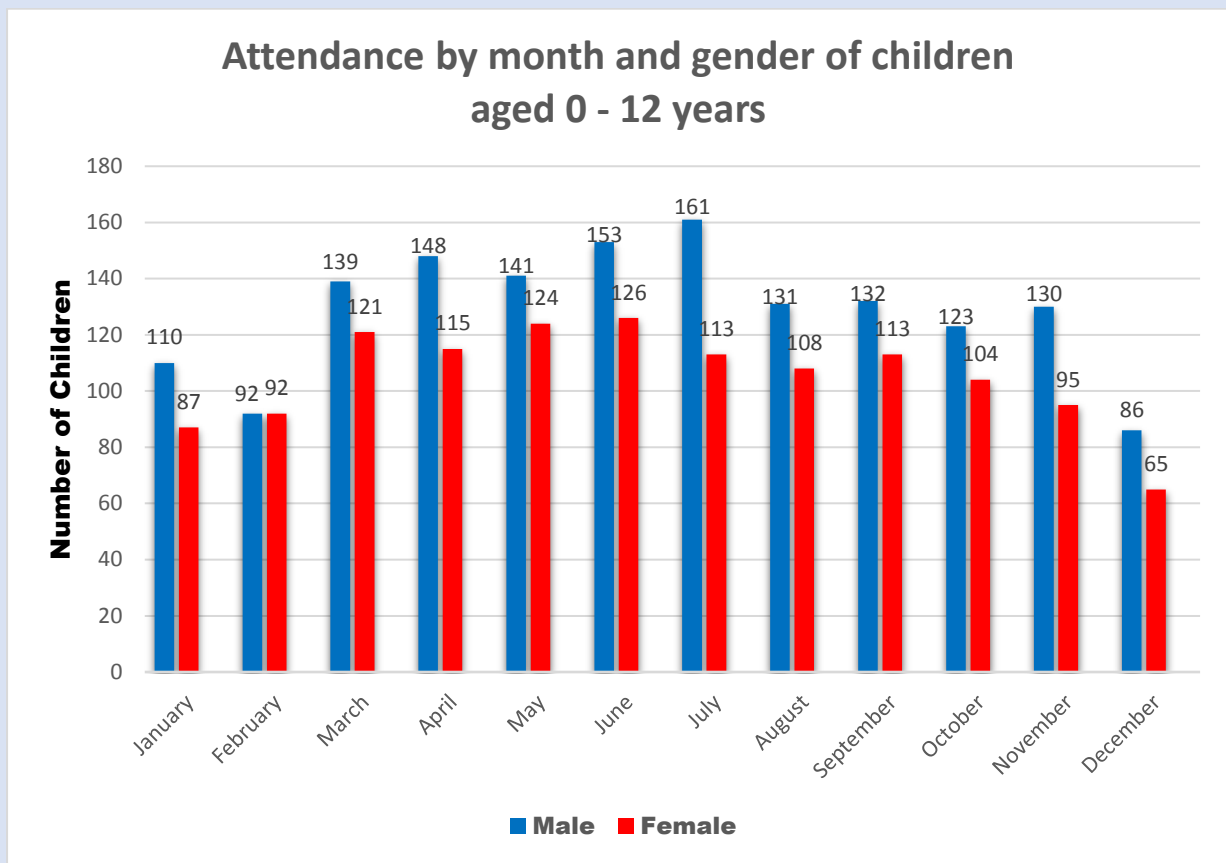
Once that data was sorted the number reduced to 2809.

This reflects the number of primary visits for children under the age of 13 years, attending ED due to an unintentional injury.



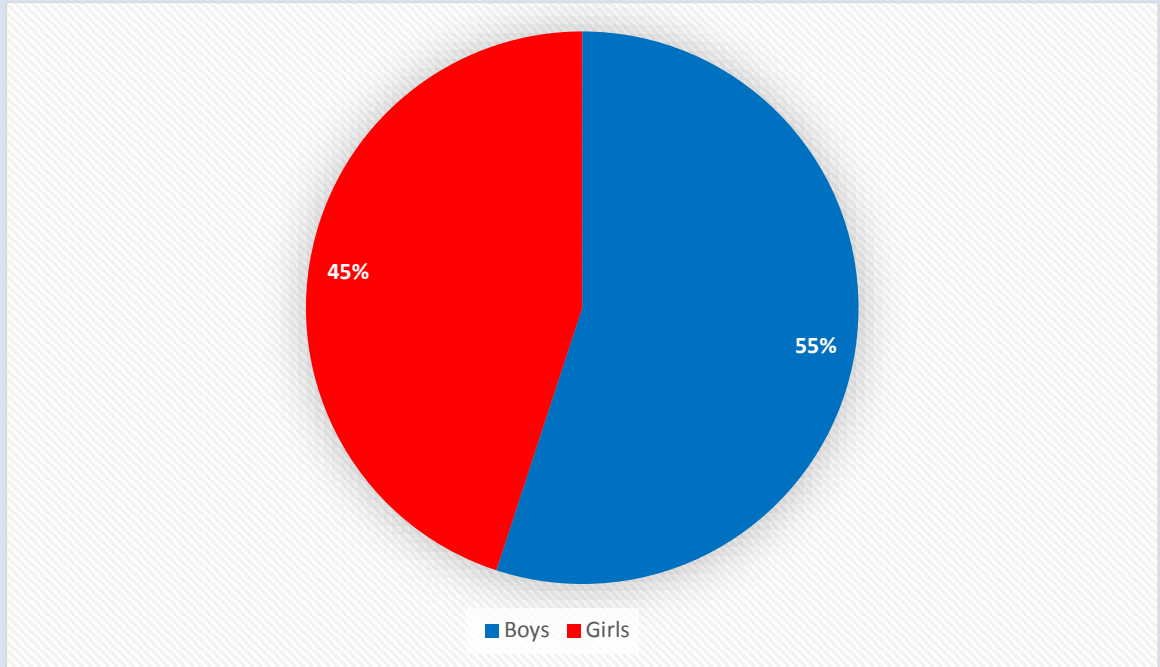
This graphs shows that 35.57% of the children aged between 0 and 12 years old who attended ED in 2017 did so as a primary visit following an accident.

These numbers can be further broken down by the age and gender of the child.

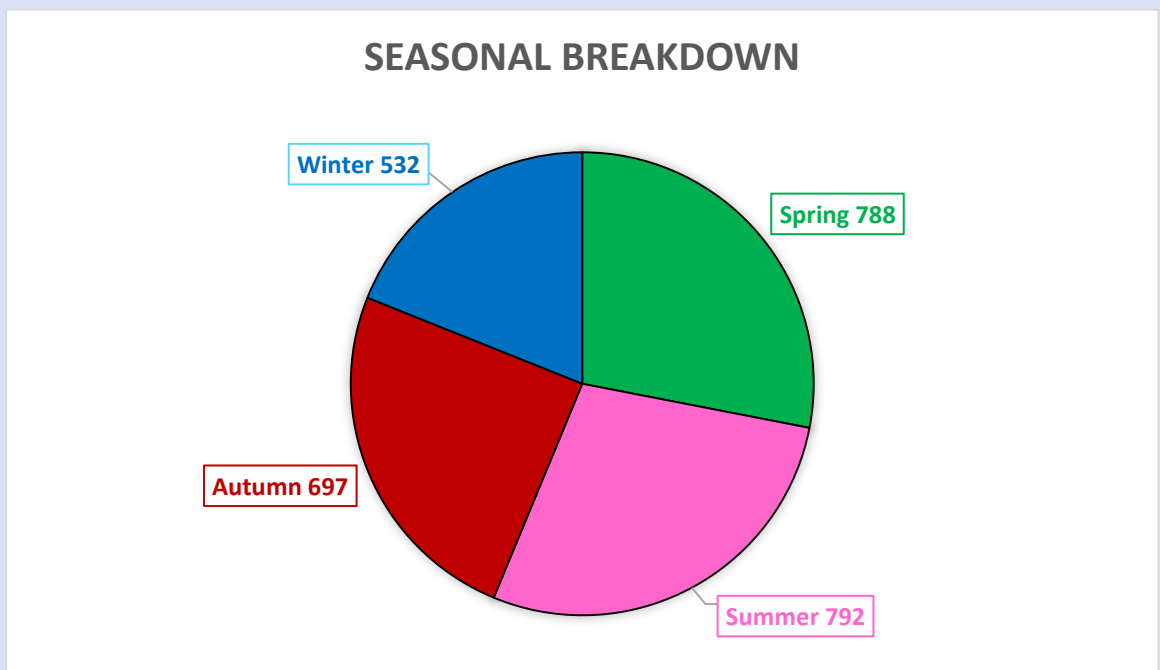


These statistics lead us to the following conclusions;

- Boys (1546) are more likely than girls (1263) to have an accident at almost every age.

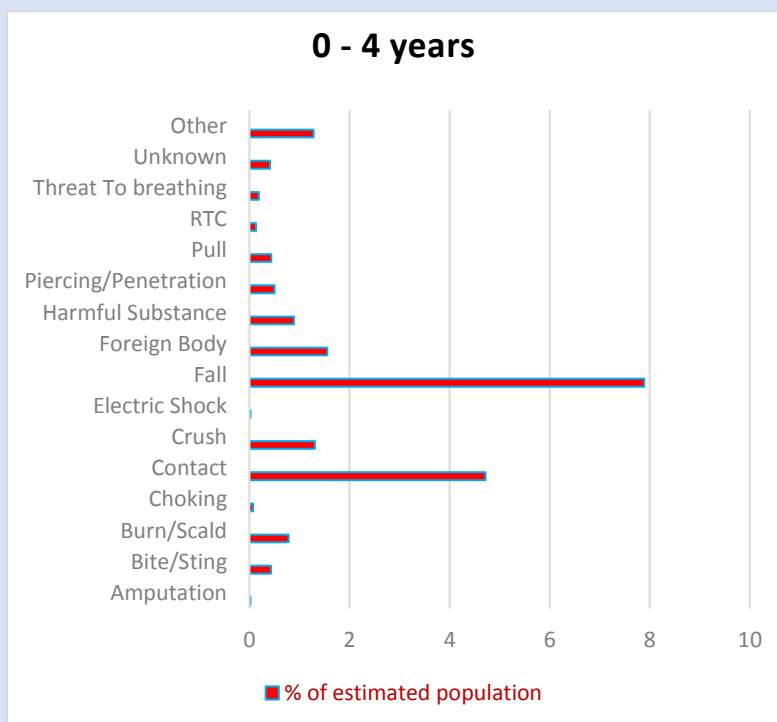


- Most accidents happen during the summer months



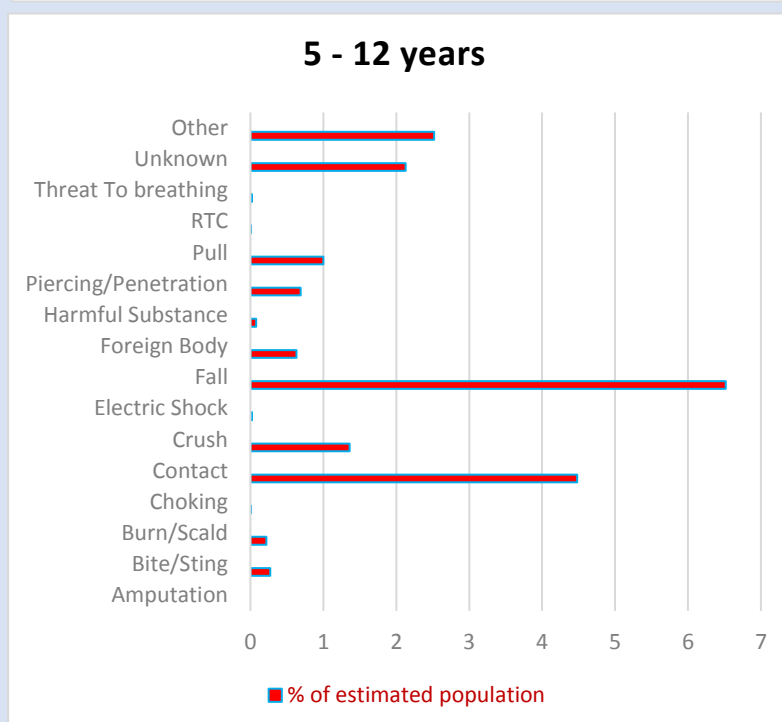
The data collected was categorised as follows;

Amputation	Electric Shock	RTC (Road Traffic Collision)
Bite/Sting	Fall	Threat To Breathing
Burn/Scald	Foreign Body	Unknown(not enough information given to ED staff)
Choking	Harmful Substance	Other(often sports related)
Contact(often preceded by a fall)	Piercing/Penetrating	
Crush	Pull	



When calculating the percentage of children affected in each category, estimates of the population in both age groups were used from figures produced in the 2011 census, plus the estimated expected population growth.

Unfortunately we are unable to be more accurate regarding the total number of children, in each age.

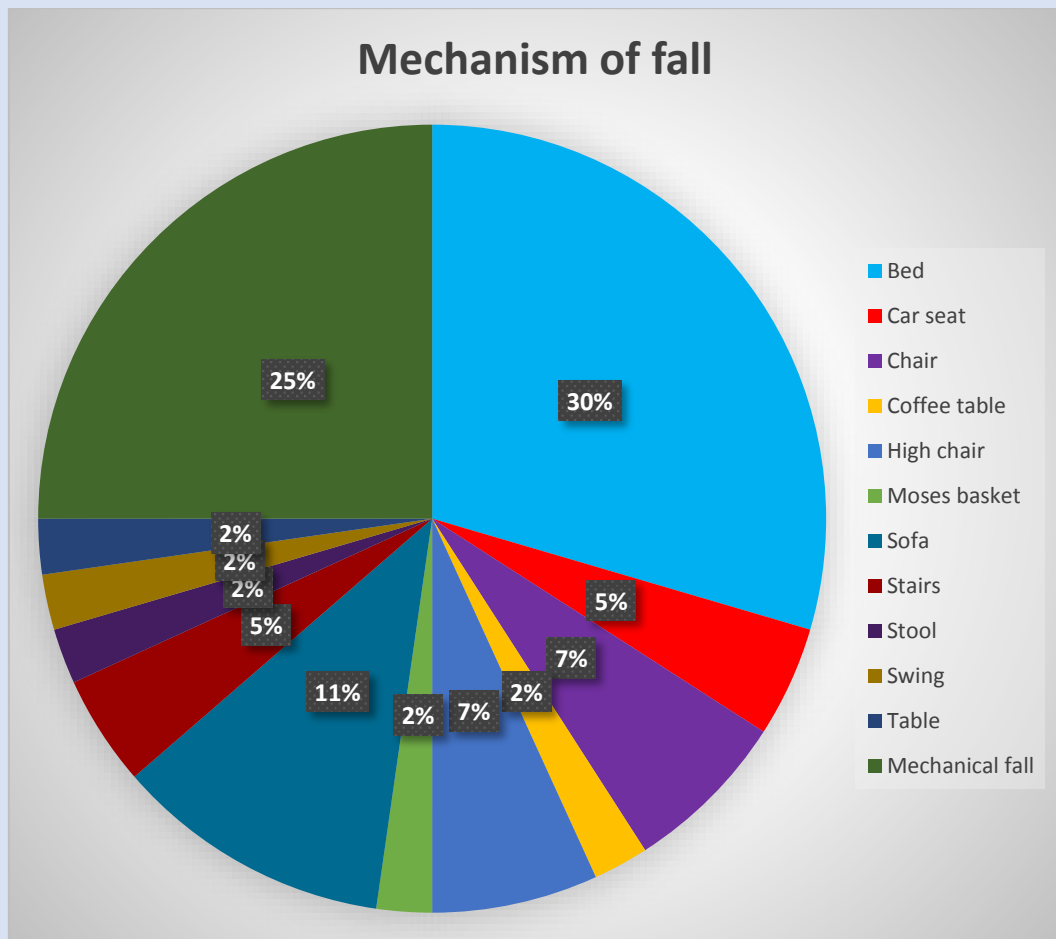


In addition to those accidents shown on the graphs opposite, a small number of children(less than 5), were knocked over by unrestrained dogs running up to them. These children were under the age of 5 years.

Falls in Under 1 year olds

During 2017, 44 children under the age of 1 year old attended ED for a primary visit following a fall.

This is a 41.3% drop on the figures for 2016 (75) and whilst this drop in numbers should be celebrated it should also be acknowledged that there is still work to be done as the majority of these falls were from raised surfaces and so could have been avoided.



This chart shows that the bed and the sofa are the most likely raised surfaces for an infant to fall from, closely followed by high chairs when not strapped in and from sitting on adult chairs.

“Mechanical falls” refers to infants who were being carried or who fell from sitting or attempting to stand.

Subsidised Safety Equipment



This scheme aims to support parents who are financially disadvantaged by providing essential safety equipment at a lower cost, thus making the equipment more accessible.

Run with the support of Pharmacy Locale, CAPJ offer subsidised equipment including stairgates, stairgate extensions, harness reins, fireguards and a money off voucher towards car seats bought at Pharmacy Locale.



The scheme continues to be seen as a valuable resource by the FNHC Health Visitors who prescribe the equipment and the clients who require it.

During 2017 we provided safety equipment to almost 40 families, the majority receiving vouchers towards the cost of stairgates and stairgate extensions. These vouchers covered either part or all of the cost of the equipment.

In 2017 Child Accident Prevention funded goods to the value of £1254.15

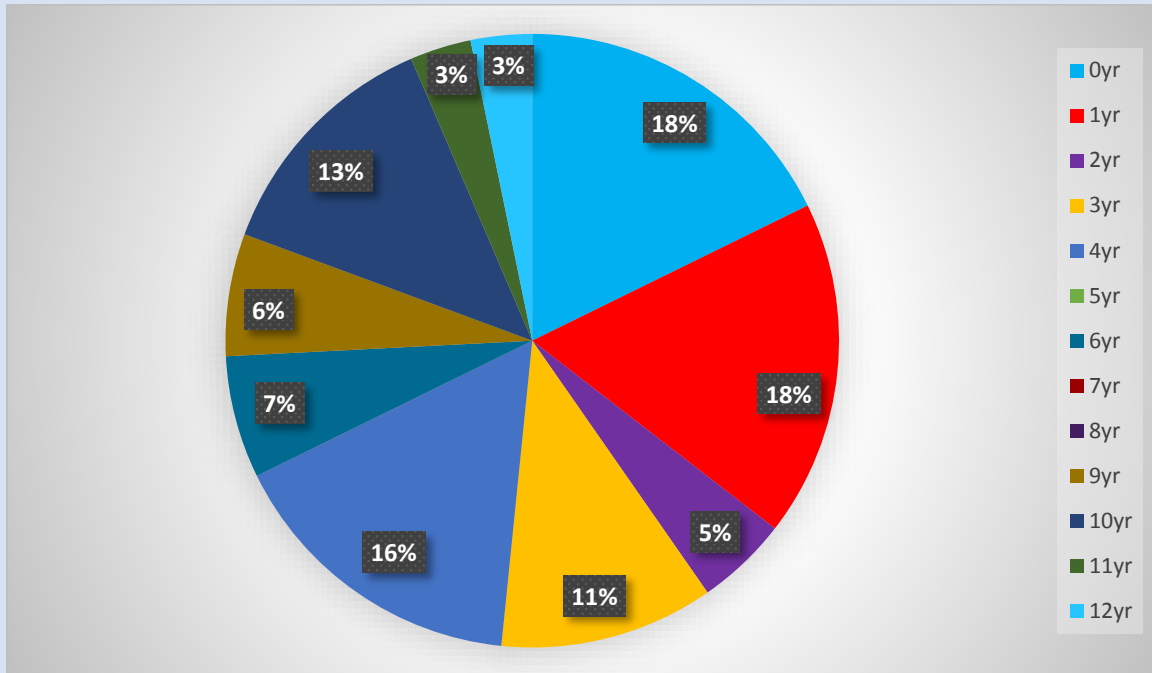
However, this year the scheme ran at a loss. The deficit was covered by FNHC on the understanding that the monies owed would be paid back in full once more funds had been fundraised for the scheme.



Burns and Scalds

During 2017, 62 children attended ED for a primary visit following a burn or scald.

The chart below shows the age of the children, in percentages, based of the total number of attendances.



Causes of the burn or scald include;

Mechanism	Mechanism	Mechanism
Bath water	Hot drink	Iron
Compressor	Hot food	Kettle
Cooker door	Hot glue gun	Lamp
Cooking pan	Hot oil	Light bulb
Friction	Hot plate	Lighter
Hair straighteners	Hot tap	Unidentified
Hob	Hot water	Sunburn
Hot wax	Hot water bottle	Unknown

Overall, burns and scalds account for 2.2% of the children who attend ED on a primary visit.

Of the 62 children who attended for a burn or scald, 56 were under the age of 5 years.

This accounts for 5.04% of the children within that age group who visited ED during 2017 and indicates that children under 5 years remain more likely to suffer a burn or scald than those aged 5 – 12 years old.

Looking further into the data we can see that in the under 2 year olds there were 23 attendances following a burn or scald, putting this age group most at risk of this type of injury.

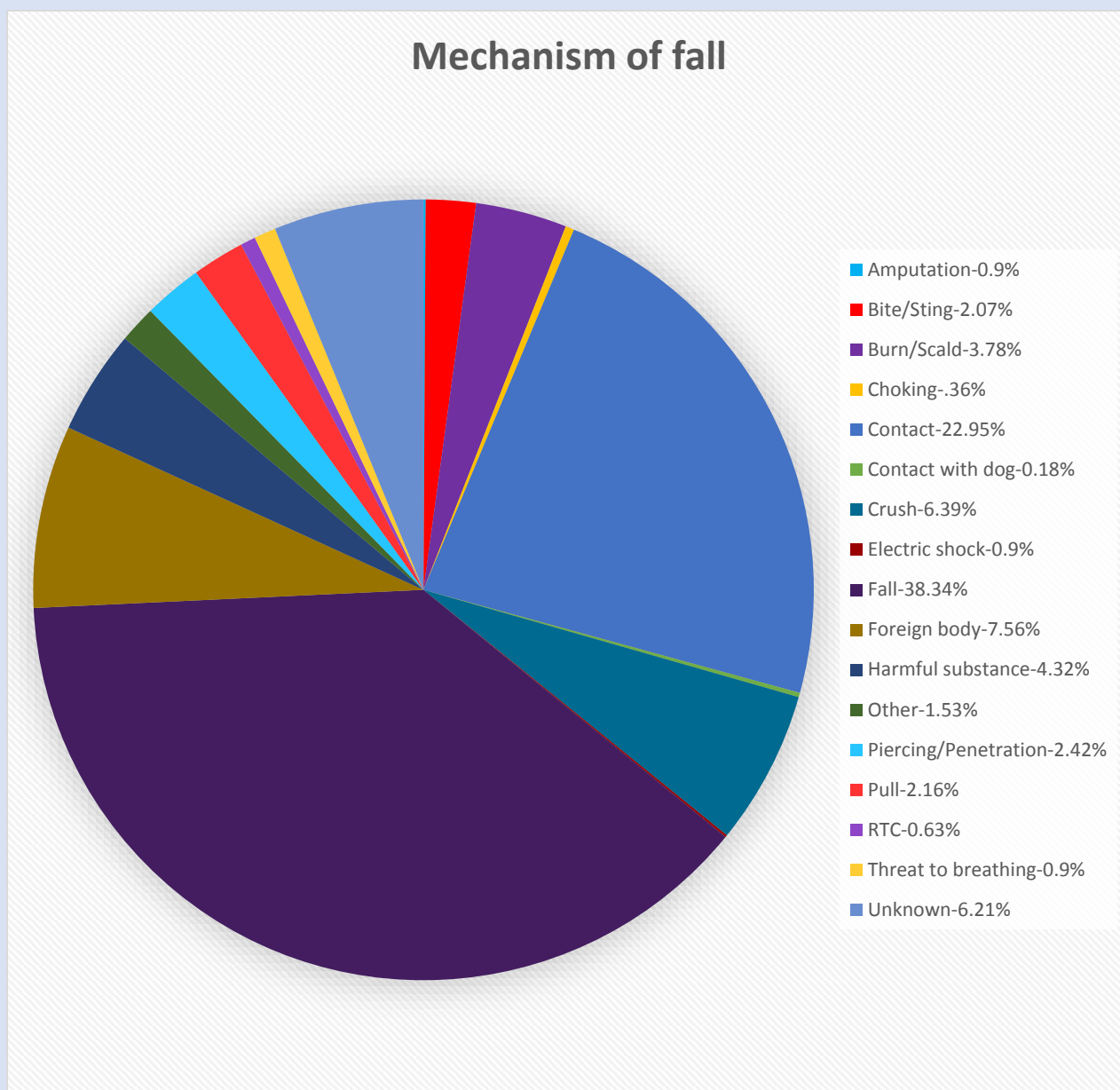
Hot liquids including tea, coffee and water remain the leading cause of burns in all age groups.

According to the World Health Organization (<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs365/en/>) figures, last reviewed in August 2017, burns are the 5th most common cause of non-fatal injuries with improper adult supervision being a major risk factor.

Under 5 year olds.

During 2017, 1111 children under the age of 5 years attended ED for a primary visit following an accident.

This accounts for 39.55% of attendances under the age of 13 years.



Falls remain the most common cause of an injury in this age group, followed by contact injuries.

Harmful Substance

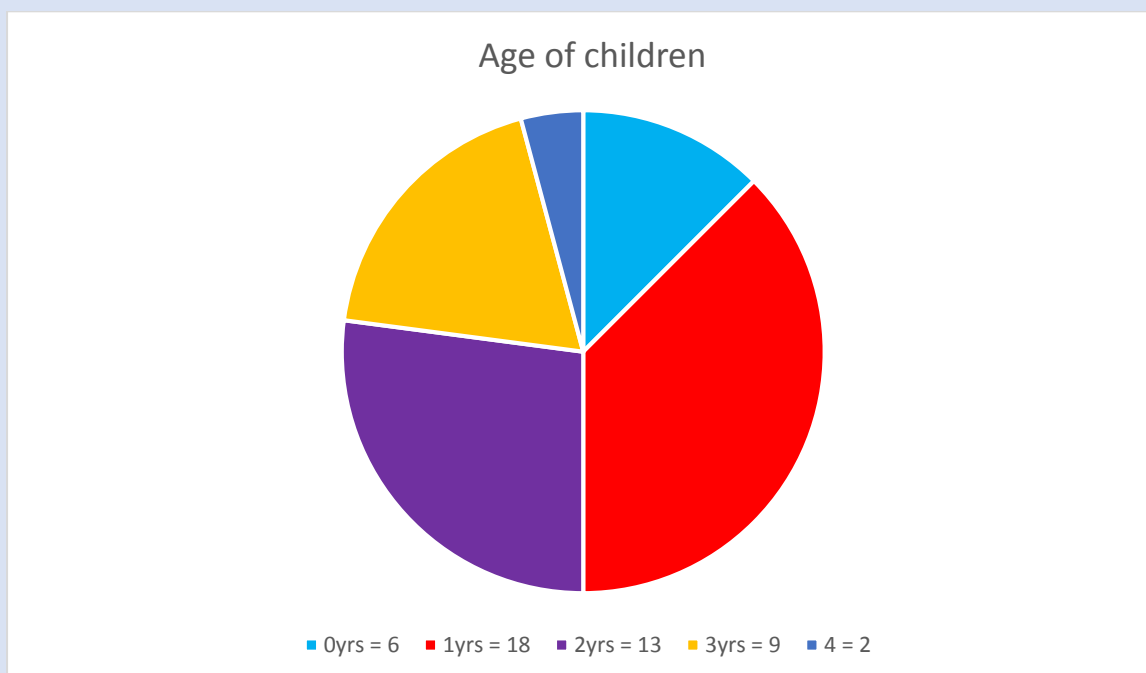
48 children were seen at ED because they came in to contact with a harmful substance.

The majority of these substances were ingested however there was also one case of suspected carbon poisoning and 3 cases of substances getting into a child's eyes.

Substances includes;

Substance	Substance	Substance
Adult meds	Vapour rub	Perfume
Plants/feed	Diffuser oil	Polystyrene
Children's meds	Dishwasher tabs	Ice pack gel
Liquitabs	Bleach	Firelighter
Household cleaner	Toilet tabs	Hydrochloric acid
Olbas Oil	Slug pellets	Paint
Battery	Soft paraffin	Carbon monoxide

In this category the breakdown by age is shown in the following chart.



Protecting children from harmful substances and poisons remains a priority for CAP and we regular talk to parents and carers about the importance of keeping these items out of reach of children.

We actively advocate the use of cupboard locks or latches whilst raising awareness of a child's ability to open so called "child resistant" caps on bottles of medication or chemicals.

Bites and Stings

During 2017, 47 children attended ED because of a bite or sting.

Stings were from either insects or marine creatures including jellyfish and accounted for 5 of the overall number.

The remainder were bites, 6 from other children and 36 from animals.

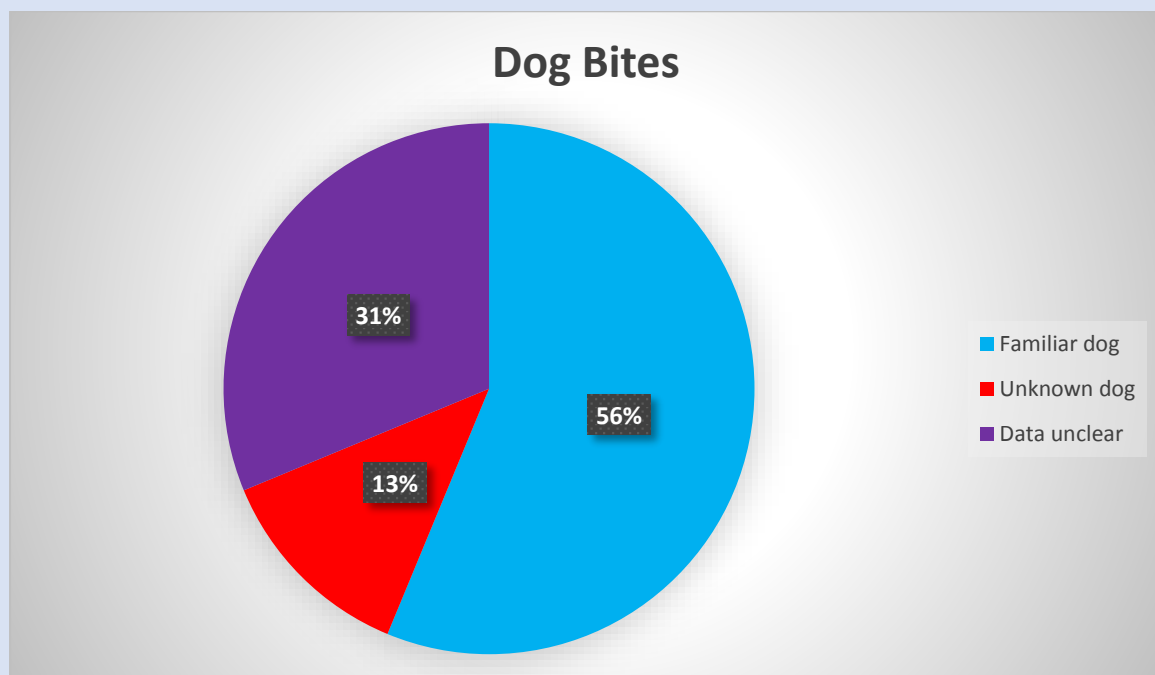
Dog	Cat
Child	Horse
Mosquito	Jellyfish
Insect	Tick
Ferret	Wasp
Marine animal	Unknown
Mouse	Rabbit

Dog Bites

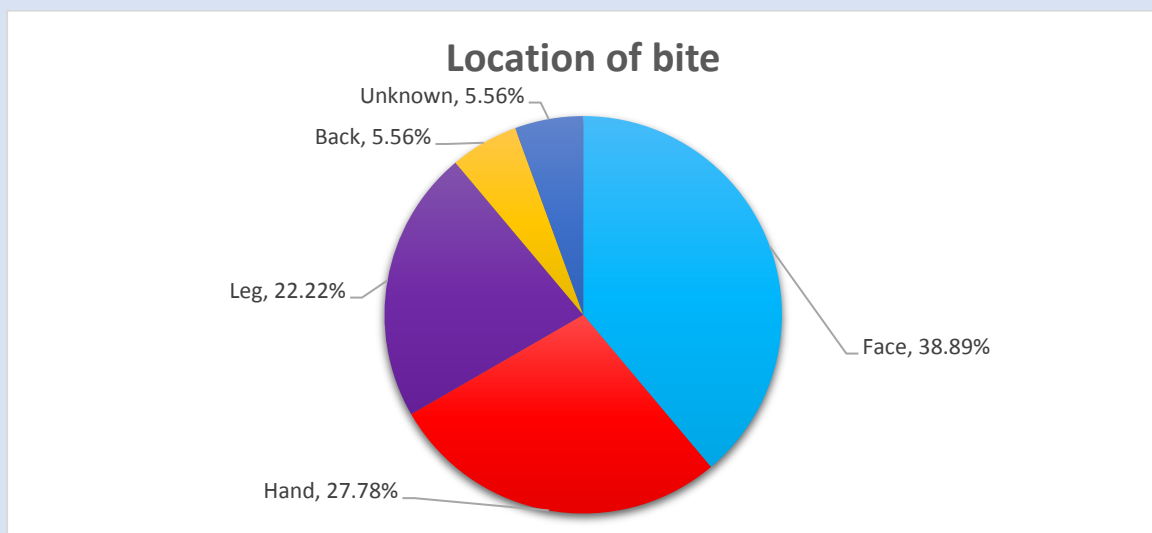
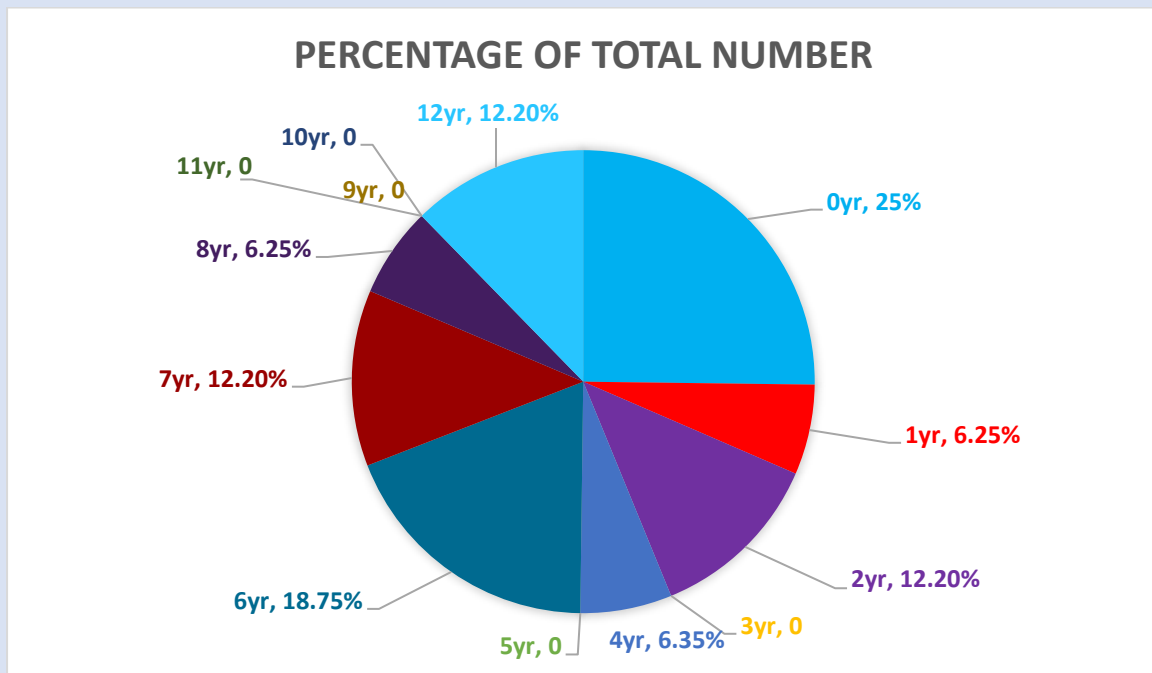
16 children under the age of 13 were bitten by dogs during 2017.

Unfortunately, it is not always possible to tell if the dog was known to the child or to know the events preceding the bite.

However, the graph below shows that using the data we do have, we can clearly see that the majority of children are bitten by dogs known to them.



The ages of the children bitten are shown below.



CAP continues with the Speak Dog & Stay Safe campaign, delivered to every primary Year 1 class in the island.



We talk to children about the importance of asking before touching a dog, the correct way to approach a dog, what to do if a dog approaches you and how to protect yourself from a dog.

It should be remembered that these children are only 5-6 years old and should not be held responsible for their own safety.

CAP continues to use every available opportunity to talk to parents and dog owners about the importance of appropriate supervision when children and dogs interact.

Key to lowering the number of children bitten by dogs is the suspension of the belief that “my dog won’t bite”.

Safety In Action

Every year Child Accident Prevention hold our Safety In Action event and 2017 was our 19th successive year.

This year over 1000 Year 5 children from 31 of the 32 local primary schools took part in the event, which was held at Highlands College and each attended interactive workshops focused on giving them the knowledge and skills to risk assess situations and keep themselves safe.

Approximately 6-8 weeks before the children attend the event they are given a quiz containing 4 questions on each of the 6 workshops they will visit.

This enables us to assess their existing knowledge and identify any gaps.

The answers to these questions are all given during the delivery of the workshops and we then quiz the children again when they return to school after the summer break, approximately 6 weeks after the event.

Both the pre and post event quizzes are available via our website www.cap.je



Both sets of answers are marked and each child's score is compared to check their learning.

We then visit schools to give out individual certificates to those children who have improved their score by at least 5 points as well as to those who scored 24/24.

Shields are awarded to the schools showing the best improvement and highest score in each scenario as well as trophies given to the overall 2 winning schools.

This year's overall winners were La Moye for "Best Improving School" and JCP for "Top Scoring School".



Both schools received engraved silver trophies.

The top scorers in each work were;

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| • First Aid | Trinity |
| • Play safety | JCP |
| • Water safety | St Georges |
| • Road Safety | First Tower & St Martin |
| • Fire Safety | Helvetia (full marks) |
| • Kitchen Safety | St Martin |

The best improvers in each workshop were;

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|------------------|---------------------|
| • First Aid | St Martin & Janvrin |
| • Play Safety | First Tower |
| • Water Safety | St John |
| • Road Safety | First Tower |
| • Fire Safety | La Moye |
| • Kitchen safety | St Clement |

Each of these schools received a silver shield.

Safety In Action is made up of 6 workshops, each delivered by an expert in their field.

Without the support of our partner agencies this would not be possible and we are grateful to our partner agencies who free up the necessary staff to facilitate this event.



The 6 workshops are;

- Play Safety
- Water Safety
- Kitchen Safety
- Road safety
- Fire safety
- First Aid

Each workshop lasts approximately 20 minutes and is delivered in a fast, fun and interactive way allowing the children opportunities to learn vital safety information outside of a classroom setting.

Key messages, identified by the service involved and supported by the pre-event quiz scores, are given and wherever possible children are actively involved in the workshops, allowing for learning to take place in a variety of different ways.

Play Safety



The play safety workshop gives information about the safe use of a trampoline, the appropriate places to use a scooter and the correct fitting of a cycle helmet.

The children also discuss sun safety and are told about the importance of using high factor sun creams, wearing a hat and keeping hydrated.

First Aid

The First Aid workshop looks at what to do if you come across someone who has collapsed and how to put a casualty into the recovery position.





Fire Safety

The Fire Safety workshop focuses on calling for help and planning escape routes.

Children are taught how to check a door for signs of heat and how to safely exit a smoke filled environment.

Water Safety

The Water Safety workshop discussed pier jumping, flag identification, safe swimming, rip currents, beaches where there are lifeguards and signalling for help.



All this takes place in a room set up to look like a beach, where the children sit on beach towels and are surrounded by props including life rings, boogie boards, sun umbrellas.



Kitchen Safety

The Kitchen Safety workshop is designed to be a realistic mock-up of a child's own kitchen and the dangers that lay within that room.



Children discuss the safe use of a microwave and a traditional oven including burn prevention advice.

They identify trip hazards and look at the safe storage of both medications and chemicals.

There is also discussion around button batteries and the danger they pose to younger children.



Road Safety

The Road Safety workshop uses IT to help the children identify safe places to cross the road.

Pictures of local roads and crossing are used to ensure the children can put their knowledge to practical use after the event

Once the children have visited every workshop they come together and the Fire Service discuss the importance of their message, “Get out, stay out and call the Fire Service out”.

They also demonstrate what could happen if a fire is tackled using the wrong thing, in this case water on a chip pan (oil) fire.



During their visit the children are accompanied by adult representatives from their school, either teachers, teaching assistants or parents.

These adults are asked to complete an evaluation sheet, specifically designed for either parents or teachers/teaching assistants as they go around each workshop and the results are then collated and help us to prepare for next year's event.

Teacher/Teaching Assistant feedback

Delivery and presentation

Workshop	Adequate	%	Good	%	Excellent	%
First Aid			17	27	47	73
Play Safety			15	23	49	77
Water Safety			12	19	52	81
Road Safety	2	3	10	16	52	81
Fire Safety			5	8	59	92
Kitchen Safety			13	20	51	80

Content and learning objectives

Workshop	Adequate	%	Good	%	Excellent	%
First Aid			12	19	52	81
Play Safety	1	2	9	14	54	84
Water Safety			8	13	56	87
Road Safety			11	17	53	83
Fire Safety			3	5	61	95
Kitchen Safety			5	8	59	92

Overall rating of the event

- 87% of teachers and teaching assistants rated Safety in Action as being excellent, with 13% rating as being good.

Comments included;

- *Carefully selected and presented information, relevant and appropriate for this age group.*
- *Good to be out of school and in realistic situations*
- *Always an engaging and interactive workshop event that is so informative and enjoyed by our students*
- *The workshops are fun but extremely valuable and informative, this is extremely useful, as otherwise children would not come across these facts.*
- *Very useful, I did it 11 years ago and still remember it, it would be a good idea to recap yearly*



Parents/Helpers feedback

Delivery and presentation

Workshop	Adequate	%	Good	%	Excellent	%
First Aid			5	16	27	84
Play Safety			6	19	26	81
Water Safety			7	22	25	78
Road Safety			5	16	27	84
Fire Safety			2	6	30	94
Kitchen Safety	1	3	5	16	26	81

Content and learning objectives

Workshop	Adequate	%	Good	%	Excellent	%
First Aid			3	19	29	91
Play Safety			4	13	28	87
Water Safety			4	13	28	87
Road Safety			7	22	25	78
Fire Safety			1	3	31	97
Kitchen Safety	1	3	5	16	26	81

Overall rating of the event

100% of parents and helpers rated the event as good/excellent.

Comments included;

- *Very informative and engaging, you could see the children absorbing the information through the interaction*
- *Wonderful timing just before summer holidays*
- *Each workshop delivered a useful and well planned lesson that instructed the children in fantastic accident prevention techniques*
- *A great event – thank you*

We also ask the students to evaluate their visit and tell us what they enjoyed and what they learnt, as well as what they think we could do to improve the event.

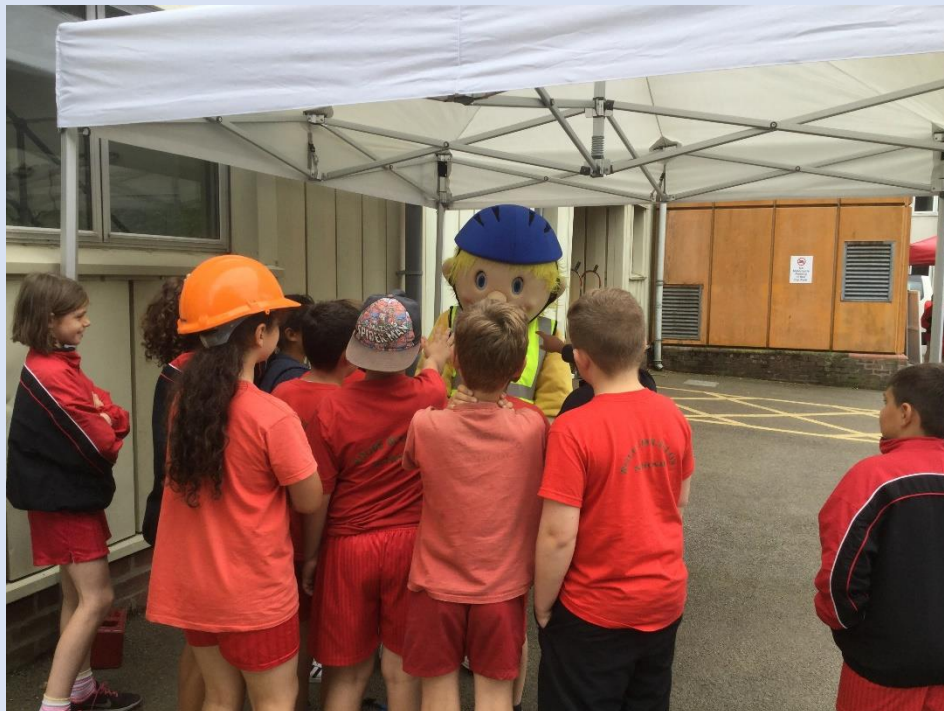
In order to do this we ask them to use our website, where they can find a page dedicated to their feedback.

In 2017, 72 children left feedback for us and of these, 67 (93%) said they had enjoyed visiting Safety In Action.

When asked, as part of the feedback, if they or members of their family were now doing anything differently because of what they had learned at Safety In Action, 63.89% said they were.

Comments included;

- *How to be safe at home.*
- *How to put on my cycle helmet correctly- check the size*
- *Check the smoke alarm once a month*
- *Don't use block plug adaptors*
- *Make a fire escape plan – Plan A and B*
- *Barricade the door with pillow or duvet if smoke is coming into the room*
- *Crossing the road safely – find a safe place to cross*
- *Swimming between the red and yellow flags – lifeguards on duty*
- *Keep detergents away from small children*
- *Be careful of tiny button batteries, keep them out of reach in a safe place, dispose of them carefully*



At the end of their visit, each child is given a “goody bag”. This contains information for parents about the event as well as promotional goodies from the agencies involved. These include pencils, leaflets, erasers and magnets.

The contents of the bag change from year to year depending on the sponsorship we get from local companies.

This year, as in previous years, Marks & Spencer provided 1000 bottles of water for the children, and these went into the bags as well.



Safety In Action ran over 8 days in 2017 and each day comprised of 2 sessions.

Previously this had been a 7 day event with each day comprising of 3 sessions, but feedback suggested that more time in each workshop would be valuable. In order to accommodate this, an extra day was added allowing the workshops to increase from approximately 15 minutes to approximately 20 minutes each.

Over the course of the event there were an average of 15 staff per day and each workshop was delivered 12 times, that's 96 times over 8 days!

Without the professionalism and dedication of the staff who facilitate the event, as well as their respective organisations who recognise the value of Safety In Action and so free up their staff, it would not be possible to coordinate such an effective resource that is valued by teachers and students alike, not only for the fun and interactive side of things but also for the learning opportunities provided.

We are also grateful to a small team of volunteers who give up their time, either to mark pre and post quiz sheets or to help deliver the workshops.



A full report on Safety In Action 2017 is available from Child Accident Prevention Jersey and available on our website www.cap.je

Website



During 2017 we have continued to manage a dedicated website and have used this as a way of emphasising safety concerns surrounding Halloween costumes, fireworks, button batteries and much more.

Product recalls are also highlighted on the website.

This year we received a number of safety queries via the website and these were mainly about the safety and legislation regarding car seat both locally, in the UK and in Europe.

Once again, the quiz questions for Safety In Action, both pre and post event, are available to schools via the website and we hope this encourages them to access it at other times for activities or information all based around safety.

We also ask the children who visit Safety In Action to give us feedback following the event via the website.

Facebook



CAP continues to use Facebook as a way of alerting the general public to various safety information and accident prevention strategies.

During 2017 we highlighted safety issues surrounding fire prevention, furniture safety, electrical safety, beach safety, road safety, firework safety, burn prevention, poisons, sleep safety for young babies, choking prevention, cycle helmet awareness, sun safety, button battery awareness and lots more.

Our Facebook page is also a great way to highlight the work of partner agencies and we regular share posts for States Of Jersey Fire & Rescue Dept, Bosdet Foundation, Prison! Me! No Way and Jersey Education Service amongst others.

We currently have 620 page likes which is more than a 10% increase on last year's number. We have 606 followers, 84% are women and 14% are men. The majority of our followers are aged between 35yrs and 44yrs and the majority live in St Helier.

Media Coverage

During 2017 CAPJ enjoyed some excellent media coverage focusing on our ongoing dog bite prevention campaign called “Speak Dog & Stay Safe”.



We also had a local radio coverage and a television news crew film one of the school lessons for SDSS.

We were also delighted to be invited by the Bosdet Foundation to produce a Christmas Wish Stocking.

Our Christmas wish was, “That the children of Jersey, as well as others around the world, are kept safe from the pain and trauma caused by accidents”.

This wish was displayed with many others on the Bosdet Foundation float which took part in the 2017 Christmas Parade.

Wishes were then delivered to the States Assembly.



Leaflet Production

During 2017 CAPJ produced 2 leaflets to be given out to parents in order to help keep their children safe.

The first was a room by room guide looking at how to keep a child safe at home.

Contained in this leaflet was information regarding burn prevention, strangulation hazards, fall prevention, fire prevention, poisons, drowning prevention, details of carbon monoxide and sleep safety.

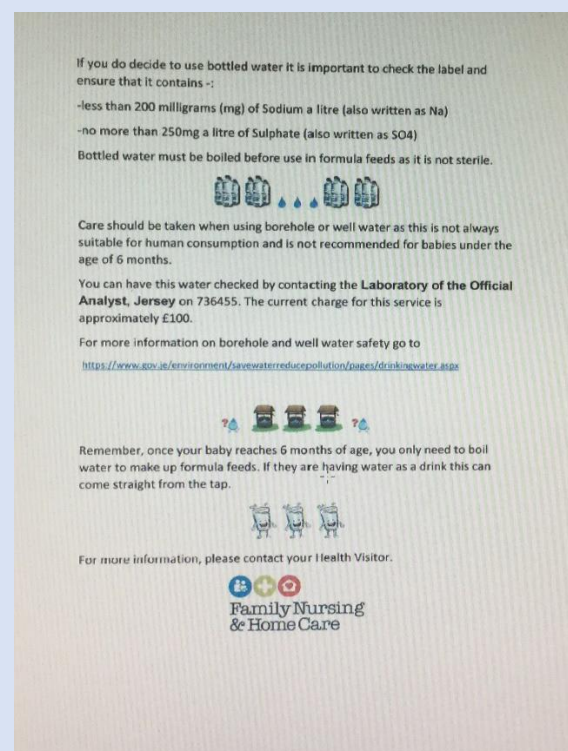
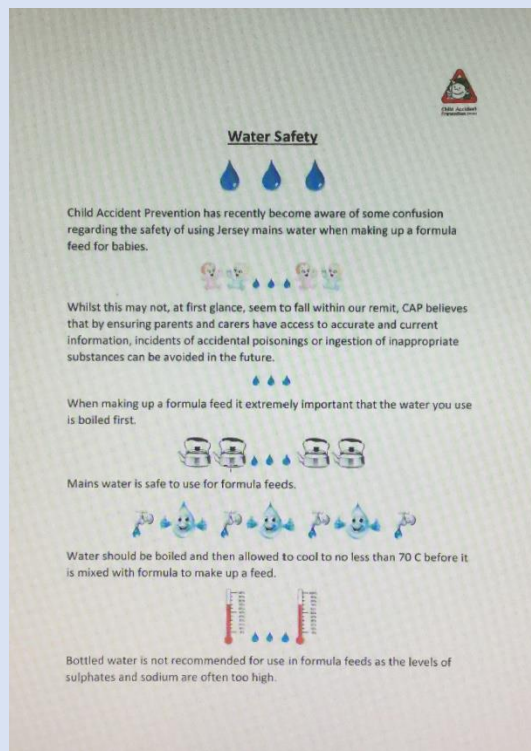
We also included information highlighting the importance of keeping button batteries away from children as well as the contact number for the emergency services.

Thanks to a donation from Peter Green Builders this leaflet is available in English, Polish and Portuguese and is given to families by their Health Visitor alongside a discussion about safety and child accident prevention.



The second leaflet was produced by CAPJ as a result of a number of requests made to Health Visitors asking for information about the correct way to make a bottle of formula milk for a baby.

CAPJ felt that, in an attempt to prevent accidental poisons, it fell within our remit to offer advice regarding this subject and this leaflet is given out by Health Visitors where necessary, as well as being available on our website.



Moving Forward

Over the next 12 months Child Accident Prevention looks forward to continuing the projects already in place as well as looking for new opportunities to develop campaigns aimed at reducing the number of accidents happening to children under the age of 13 years old.

Campaign	When	How	Who
Make The Call	January - May	Deliver assembly to 30 KS2 primary groups	Mandy (CAP) John (SOJF)
Speak Dog & Stay Safe	January – March	Visit 12+ Year 1 primary classes	Mandy (CAP)
PMNW	February	Deliver Seatbelt workshop to 4 Year 8 secondary classes	Philip (SOJP) Mandy (CAP)
Comic Talk	April-June	Deliver comic talks to 31 Year 3 primary classes	Mandy (CAP) x19 Philip (SOJP) x6 Mark (Headway) x5
Speak Dog & Stay Safe	April - July	Visit 6+ Year 1 primary classes	Rosie & Islana (volunteers) x6
Safety In Action	July	Deliver 8 days of safety workshops to 31 Year 5 primary classes	CAPJ partnership
Conference 2018	July	Facilitate a Safety In Action conference aimed at all those who work with or care for children	Mandy(CAP) CAPJ Partnership
Comic Talk	September - December	Deliver comic talks to 31 Year 3 primary classes	Mandy (CAP) x 19 Philip (SOJP) x6 Mark (Headway) x5
PMNW	October	Deliver Seatbelt workshop to 4 Year 8 secondary classes	Philip (SOJP) Mandy (CAP)
Certificate, trophy & shield presentations	October - November	All SIA winning schools	Mandy (CAP) Martin (TS)

Along with those campaigns which have fixed dates and time scales, we will also endeavour to deliver campaigns based around burn prevention, fall prevention and a new campaign entitled “How safe is your handbag?”

We know from research that children from low income families are far more likely to suffer a serious accident and more likely to die as a result, than their better off counterparts. **(CAPT 2013)**

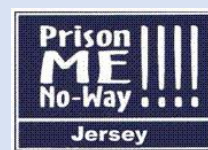
Child Accident Prevention (Jersey) does not charge for any of the campaigns, lessons or information services provided as we believe that a child’s safety should not be exclusive to those who can afford it.

We therefore rely on support from our partner agencies as well as grants and donations from other sources to enable us to provide the resources needed to provide information to the entire community.

However, it must be acknowledged that with ever present financial constraints and demands on manpower increasing, our opportunities of support may become more difficult.

We are grateful to all those who are involved in Child Accident Prevention Jersey whether at a strategic or operational level. Without their resources and commitment we would not be the effective partnership we have become.

Keeping our children safe should be seen as a priority for all of society and within that, accident prevention must be seen as having a vital role to play.



Data included in this report has been sourced from Jersey Accident & Emergency Department and collated by Child Accident Prevention Jersey. This data suggests that 2809 children under the age of 13 attended the department because of an accident in 2017. Many more will have been treated at home or by their G.P.

It should be noted that the statistical information provided is based on notes taken by A&E staff at the time of the child's visit and the details given by the accompanying adult.

It must be recognised that there are a number of factors which will affect the accuracy and content of this information. Time pressures on A&E staff and language difficulties often mean that information is incomplete or so brief that it does not detail the exact nature of an incident.

We must also allow for a degree of human error when information is being inputted and this can result in injuries being mis-categorised.

Once CAP has the original data, a number of categories are immediately discarded. These include non-trauma medical, non-trauma surgical, review visits and primary care. If attendances have been put in to these categories in error, they will not be captured in the CAP statistics.

The remaining data is then examined and any other injuries which do not fall under the umbrella of unintentional injury are also discarded. These may include assaults or psychiatric episodes.

The cleansed data is then used to compile this report and as our guide when planning preventative initiatives.