

Injury Information in New Zealand 2009

The Injury Information Manager's View

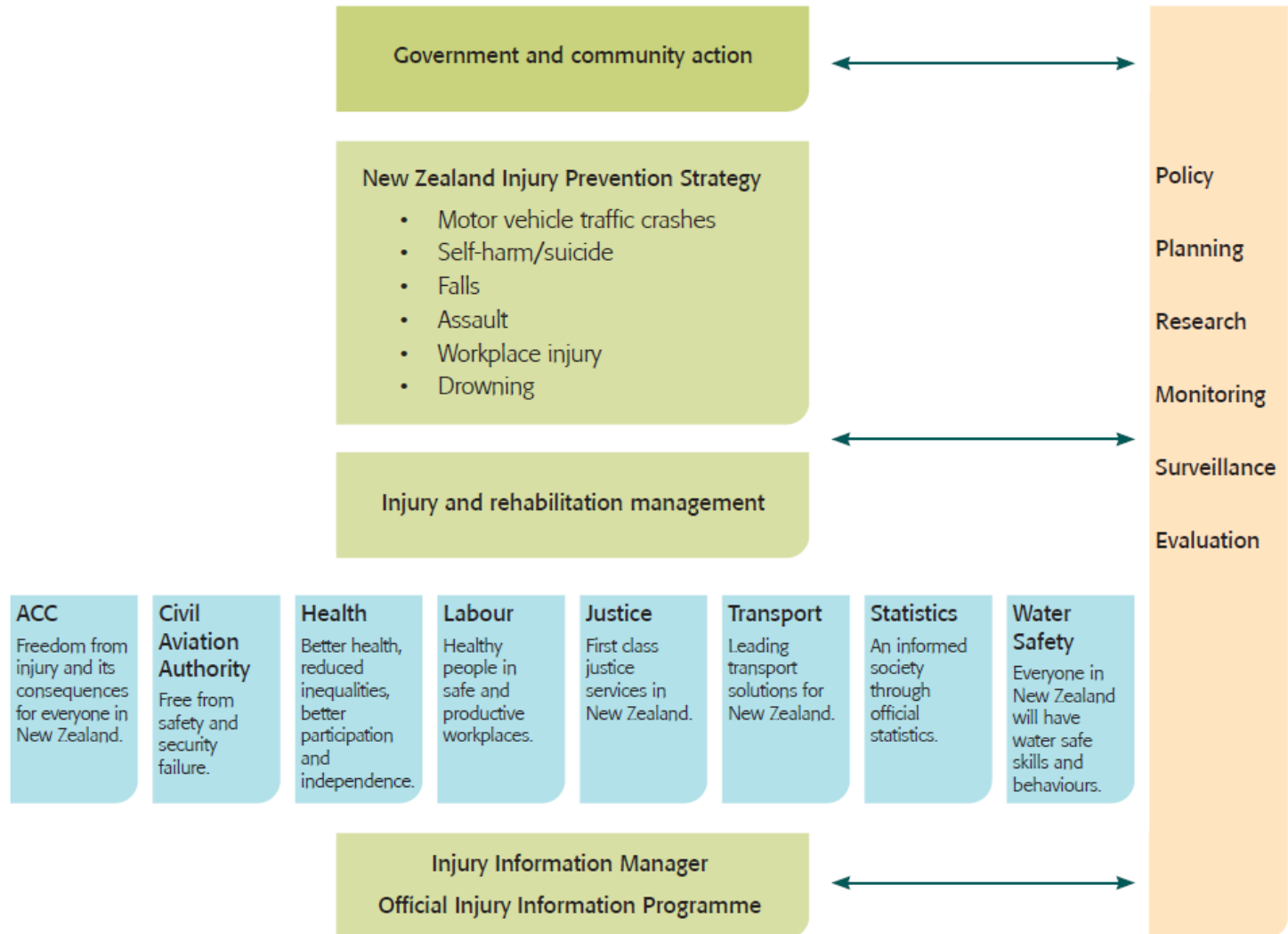
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The Injury Information Manager

- Statistics New Zealand is the *Injury Information Manager*
- This is a statutory role under the Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2001:
 - (a) to develop, set, publish, and maintain standards for the purpose of this Part after consultation with such persons or organisations as the manager considers appropriate:
 - (b) to collect and aggregate injury-related information:
 - (c) to facilitate access (including by publishing) to injury-related information and unit record data:
 - (d) to consider and review current and future injury-related information requirements.

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The Official Injury Information Programme



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- *Injury information that supports improved injury prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation outcomes and minimises the social, and economic costs of injury*
- But how should we progress this?
 - From 2003 to 2006 Statistics New Zealand focused on data integration

The 2008 Review

- In 2008, Statistics new Zealand began a review of the Official Injury Statistics programme
- Recommendations:
 1. Statistics NZ should convene a small group of experts to lead a second phase of the review that will:
 - list injury information needs
 - map these against existing data sources
 - identify priorities for improving existing injury data or collecting new data.
 2. Statistics NZ should circulate the draft findings and recommendations of the second phase of the review for the consideration of and feedback from stakeholders.
 3. On completion of the review, the group should develop an implementation plan to give effect to the recommendations for improving injury data collection.
 4. The Injury Information Manager should lead work to address:
 - improving awareness and availability of the current official injury statistics information
 - improving integration of data and scoping the development of an official injury rate.

The 2008 Review

- In response to the Review:
 - Worked with officials and experts to identify possible actions
 - Identified priorities with stakeholders
 - Developed a way forward
- The way forward had two elements
 - Principles regarding how we work
 - An Agenda for Action setting out what we undertook to do

Principles

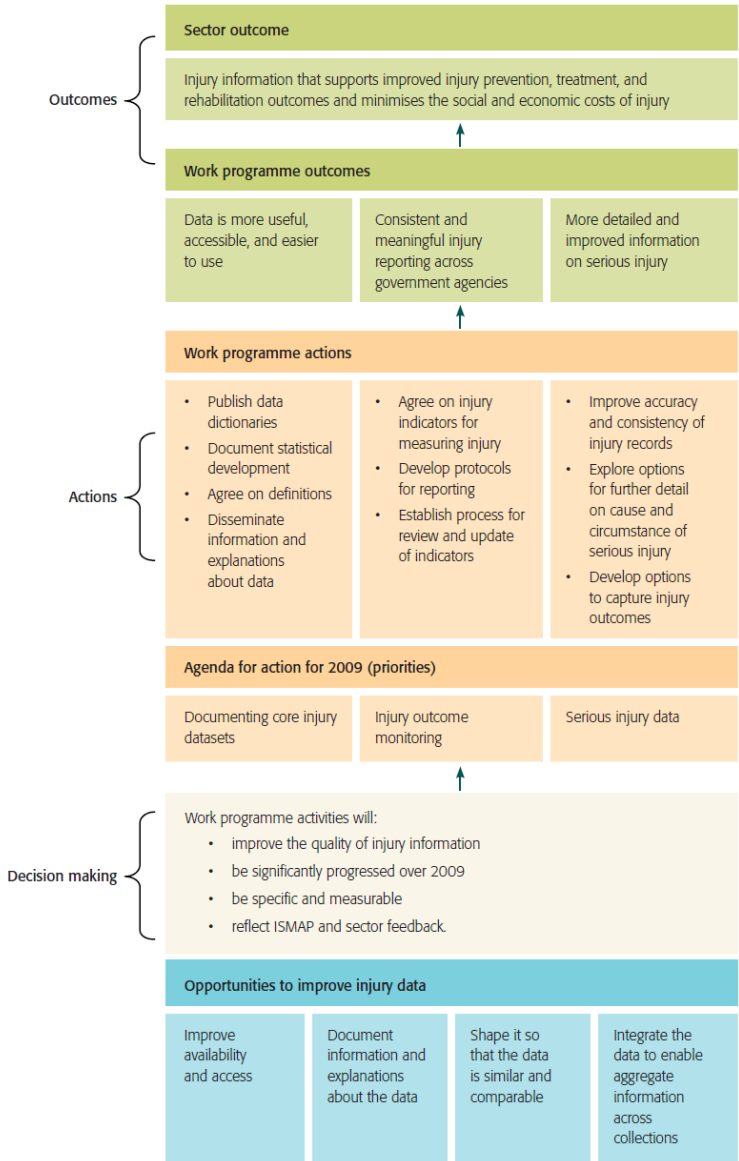
- No closed shop
 - Injury Information Senior Officials' Group (IISOG)
 - Injury Information Forum (IIF)
 - Agenda for Action
- No wrong door
 - Injury Information Portal
- No duplication of effort

Agenda for Action

- Sets the Injury Information Manager's work programme for 2009:
 - Documenting core injury information datasets
 - Monitoring injury outcomes
 - Improving the quality of serious injury information

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Injury Information Framework



Agenda for Action

- Documenting core injury datasets
 - Full metadata (including business processes) and data dictionaries published for the three main injury datasets – NZHIS, ACC, CIS
 - NZHIS already documented and on injury information portal*
 - ACC complete by year end, CIS to follow shortly*
 - Metadata standard for injury statistics
 - Published on the injury information portal*
 - Bibliography of injury information papers and reports
 - Initial links up on injury information portal*

Agenda for Action

- Monitoring injury outcomes
 - Endorse the use of the NZIPS serious injury outcome indicators across government as the key measures for monitoring and reporting serious injury rates
agreed by IISOG
 - An agreed protocol for government agencies to report on injury
complete and agreed by IISOG – awaiting CE endorsement
 - An agreed process for peer review, validation, and updating the injury indicators in use will be developed
Statistics New Zealand to pick up ongoing production of the chartbooks from 2011

Agenda for Action

- Improving the quality of serious injury information
 - Improve the accuracy and consistency of serious injury records
 - Investigate the options for using event records to capture detail on the causation and circumstance of serious injury
 - Present options to capture information on serious injury outcomes

Agenda for Action

- Improving the quality of serious injury information
 - The most difficult of the three priorities
 - We have been consulting with stakeholders...
 - ...and will produce an initial report in the new year
- We haven't made quite the progress on this Agenda item that we would have wanted

Agenda for Action

- Sets the Injury Information Manager's work programme for 2009:
 - Documenting core injury information datasets ✓
 - Monitoring injury outcomes ✓
 - Improving the quality of serious injury information ?

2010 and Beyond

- Real progress has been made in 2009
 - The Agenda for Action
 - This forum
 - Effective inter-agency collaboration via IISOG
- This is not an opportunity to rest on our (collective laurels)...
- ...it is an invitation to move beyond the lowest hanging fruit

2010 and Beyond

- Possible priorities for the next OIIP
 - Continue and extend data documentation to cover New Zealand's other injury datasets (drowning, fire etc)
 - Completing work on possible improvements to serious injury information and implementing these
 - Addressing ownership and access issues around government commissioned research datasets
 - Data linkage