

IPNANZ/Statistics NZ Community Engagement Hui

Venue: Statistics House
The Boulevard, Harbour Quays
Wellington
Conference Room Te Amorangi (G07)

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Date: Friday 30 April 2010

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Injury Information Priorities for Community Organisations

Community injury prevention practitioners use data from a wide range of sources at national and local levels to suit their specific needs, and support specific service groups. Community practitioners provide a significant perspective on all areas of injury information from the creation and analysis of data, through to the implementation of injury prevention activities.

The Community Engagement Hui provided an opportunity for community injury prevention practitioners to talk with Statistics New Zealand about how they use injury information and what improvements in the current injury collections would further aid their use of the data. From the discussions five injury information priorities emerged.

1. Consistent Standards

- Information describing the *cause* and *type of injury* is inconsistent across (and sometimes within) datasets.
- There are issues with the complexity of the coding systems used. Accurate higher level classifications are often what the community context requires.
- From a community perspective a common standard used for classification of these variables would be helpful.

2. Role of Injury Information Manager (IIM)

- The IIM will continue to have a governance role in the quality of injury information and will facilitate initial communication between community groups, government agencies and the clinical practitioners.
- It is important that there is a community voice involved in discussions and decision making about possible improvements in the capture of injury information.

3. Quality of data

- Accurate information around the type, cause and circumstance (social context) of injury is needed by community groups to establish the need for injury prevention initiatives.
- Improving the quality of this information would require a change in the point of collection, which would impact on the requirements of health practitioners completing ACC forms and clinical coders.

4. Accessibility of Information

- To ensure all injury information is accessible for community groups, the IIM will continue to work on mapping and documenting what data is available.
- Maintenance of the Injury Information Portal is an important aspect of this. The IIM will continue to keep the portal up to date and encourages feedback from community groups on the value of the portal and how it could improved.
- The IIM will also work to improve the cost of access to injury information.

5. Importance of the data for Community Organisations

- Quality injury information is vital for community organisations to:
 - set priorities
 - demonstrate the need and importance of injury prevention initiatives
 - secure funding and resources