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## Working in Partnership to Improve Road Safety in the UK: The Next Steps

**Details:** Thursday 23rd October 2014, 28 Portland Place, Central London, 09:00am - 04:15pm.

### Overview

In spite of an impressive road safety record in the UK, more can be done to prevent deaths and serious injuries. In 2013, according to official Department for Transport statistics, there were 1,754 fatalities from across all road user groups on roads throughout the UK. This alarming statistic represents a significant cost to society as not only does poor road safety cost lives, it also costs the economy between an estimated £15-30 billion annually.

Consequently, the government is prioritising improving the UK's road safety and is focussing on working in partnership with local authorities to reduce road accidents by 37% by 2020. To help achieve this, in March 2013 the Road Safety Comparison website was launched, showing how well local highway authorities are performing. Additionally, the government followed up £1.4 billion National Infrastructure Committee funding for new strategic road schemes by committing a further £3 billion for improving national road networks in *The Budget*, March 2013.

The government is also introducing legislation to reinforce their commitment to improve road safety and reducing dangerous driving behaviour. New drug driving legislation is expected to come into force later this year as well as approved roadside drug testing devices for the police by 2015.

### Objectives

The *Working in Partnership to Improve Road Safety in the UK: The Next Steps* forum will allow delegates to discuss the government's latest strategies for improving road safety across the UK. Through a combination of policy led and best practice based sessions, delegates will scrutinise how to work in partnerships and innovatively and effectively establish strategies that improve road safety standards by developing efficient and effective road safety measures.

### Audience

Delegates who will have an interest in this event will include heads of road safety, road safety teams, directors of transport, road safety managers, road maintenance managers, directors of planning, senior engineers, heads of community engagement, education leads, community support and safety managers, road safety advisors, prevention and casualty reduction managers, traffic and highways managers and chief executives of transport research organisations and will be drawn from highways agencies, emergency services, charities, local authorities, and central government.

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## Agenda

- 09:00** - Registration, Refreshments and Networking
- 09:50** - Chair's Welcome Address
- 10:00** - Morning Keynote: The Government's Vision for Improving Road Safety in the UK
- 10:20** - Special Keynote: Keeping UK Roads Safe: Maintaining a Strategic Road Network
- 10:40** - Questions and Answers Session
- 11:00** - Refreshments and Networking
- 11:20** - A Multi-Agency Approach to Improving Local Road Safety Standards - The Role of the Emergency Services
- 11:40** - Case Study: Successfully Improving Road Safety Across Local Authorities
- 12:00** - Policing Road Safety: Tackling Dangerous Driving Behaviours
- 12:20** - Questions and Answers Session
- 12:40** - Lunch and Networking
- 13:40** - Afternoon Keynote: Developing an Effective Approach to Urban Road Safety
- 14:00** - Case Study: Advancing Road Safety Through Systems and Technology
- 14:20** - Case Study: A Partnership Approach to Reducing Casualties and Improving Road Safety
- 14:40** - Questions and Answers Session
- 15:00** - Refreshments and Networking
- 15:20** - Case Study: Reducing Casualties on the UK's Rural Road Network
- 15:40** - Striving for Improvements in Occupational Road Safety Management
- 16:00** - Questions and Answers Session
- 16:15** - Chair's Summary and Close

## Speakers

### Heather Ward

**Chair, Road Environment Working Party, Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS)**

Heather Ward is an Honorary Senior Research Fellow at UCL and is also an independent consultant.

Heather has worked in road safety research at UCL for the EU, National and Local Governments, the OECD, UK charities and Trusts, and research organisations in Australia.

Heather has also worked in the international and national health area in relation to inequalities especially in injury occurrence and prevention. She chaired a NICE (National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence) Group which published Guidance on Strategies to Prevent Unintentional Injuries among under 15s.

Her key experience is in evaluation of road engineering schemes; speed management; vulnerable road user safety; inequalities, and in understanding and improving data quality for all injuries but especially those relating to road casualties.

