

MINUTES CRASH DATA WORKING GROUP

22 September 2025

Attendees

Internal: Mel Smalley (Chair), Warwick Taylor, Kerry Greig, Paul Phipps

External: Martyn Napier (NZ Police), Roselle Thoreau (Ministry of Transport), Jennifer McSaveney (Ministry of Transport), Shane Thompson (Ministry of Transport), Chris Peet, (NZ Police), s 9(2)(a) (Beca), s 9(2)(a) (WSP), s 9(2)(a) (Automobile Association), s 9(2)(a) (University of Auckland), Lewis Martin (Auckland Transport)

Apologies

Priya Bullappalli, Liz Kolster, Kym Smith, Jessica Rattray

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3. Coding of Drug Use

The Group **agreed** the 108 code (drugs suspected) should be kept for the meantime and its use should be reviewed after Oral Fluid Testing has been introduced.

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5. For Discussion and Recommendation: Treatment of Low Readings of Alcohol in Blood

Chris explained that blood alcohol readings are given as a range of values and that the value reported in traffic crash reports is the lower bound of the range. Therefore, although a reading of less than 5mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood may be reported, the actual concentration of alcohol is usually higher.

- Warwick will give Chris a list of 20 crashes coded where a driver has been coded 103 but had a blood reading of less than 5mg/100ml.

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