• SHARP – the Safety Helmet Assessment and Rating Programme – was launched in November 2007.

• Information about the scheme was submitted to the 44th session of GRSP in 2008 (GRSP-44-15).

• This is a brief update on some key points about the programme.
Helmets are awarded a safety rating between 1 & 5 stars (5 being the highest) depending on how well they perform in our laboratory tests.

Safety ratings for 302 helmets have now been published on the SHARP website.

- 15% have been awarded a rating of 1 or 2 stars
- 14% have been awarded a rating of 5 stars

Additional models currently within the test programme - anticipate ratings being published early next year.
Performance Differences

Peak "g" @ 8.5 m/s - Flat Anvil

Impact Position

Front  L/Temple  R/Temple  Rear  Crown

Peak g

100  200  300  400  500  600  700  800  900

800  700  600  500  400  300  200  100
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Impact Location

Front  L/Temple  R/Temple  Rear  Crown

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THE HELMET SAFETY SCHEME
Website visits

- Website (www.direct.gov.uk/sharp) now typically receives between 60k and 80k visitors each month.

- Visitor numbers steadily increasing from the programme start.

- Peak of 87k visitors during April 2013.

- Visitors mainly from Europe but increasing number of visitors from around the world.
In recognition of its contribution to improving road safety, SHARP received two awards in 2013:

- Prince Michael International Road Safety award.

- FIM annual road safety award.
Next steps…

• SHARP has shown success at a national level and will continue to rate helmets that are available in the UK.

• However, building on this firm foundation we believe SHARP could be even more successful at an international level.

• Believe there is scope to expand the programme to provide consumers with further information about motorcycle helmets.
Thank you