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Expanding Home Safety Assessments to support identified health issues.

Safe and Well Visits
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The Fire & Rescue Services Journey

Safe and Well Visits

Over 10 years Fire & Rescue Service’s (FRS) have been carrying out interventions within people’s homes to reduce fire and actions to be taken in the event of fire

- Interventions have had various names across UK FRS
- All based on similar principles
- Nationally FRS deliver around 670,000 Fire Safety interventions in peoples homes

These interventions have resulted in the reduction of risk and a dramatic reduction in the number of deaths and injuries from accidental fires in the home.
Fire prevention in the home – a policy success story.

- Steady downward trend in fire deaths and injuries in England since early 2000’s
- DCLG Fire Statistics (April 14 to March 15) showed:
  63% of all fire fatalities were accidental dwelling fires – 163 in 2014-2015. 19 fewer (10%) than previous year, 30% lower than ten years ago and also lowest recorded to date
  3,235 non-fatal fire hospital casualties. This was 6% and 55% lower than one year and ten years earlier respectively.
  91% of homes in England now have a smoke alarm (source – English Housing Survey).
- Impact of sustained fire prevention work means Fire and Rescue Services are attending less incidents and this has created additional capacity.
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Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) along with other interested parties has now produced a framework/principles that will inform the design of locally agreed “Safe and Well” visits.

With a number of varied principles it would mean that “Safe and Well” could look significantly different across the FRS.

Framework would enable all FRS to introduce new approaches at a pace and scale that takes account of local risks and capacity rather than a one size fits all.
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By way of an example CFOA is now developing an approach to “Safe and Well” encompassing the following:

- Electrical Equipment*
- Portable Heaters and Open Fires*
- Provision of Fire Detection*
- Escape Plans*
- Health
- Mobility
- Frailty
- Provision of clinical equipment in the home that could cause fire

*Those activities in red are currently captured during a CFRS HSV

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*Those activities in **blue** are currently discussed as attributers to fire incidents during a CFRS HSV’s
What are the other risks in the home that effect the elderly

Over-65s are 16.4% of population in England and Wales:

- Burns and corrosions – 49.2% deaths over-65 (95 out of 193)
- Exposure to smoke, fires or flame - 58.3% deaths over-65 (144 out of 246)
- Exposure to excessive natural cold – 64.8% deaths over-65 (59 out of 91)
- Falls – 85.9% deaths over-65s (3,653 out of 4,251) (97.6% of deaths involving falls from a bed are over-65)

Source:

1 ONS Deaths Registered in England, 2014
2 ONS Deaths Registered in England, 2013
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Simon Stephens, Chief Executive NHS.

• “The NHS has a golden opportunity to piggyback off the Fire & Rescues Service’s vital 670,000 home-safety visits, to help prevent falls, broken hips and hospital admissions. This is precisely the kind of joint working between local public services that makes sense for patients and saves money for taxpayers.”
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- National discussions with partners in the National Health Service have highlighted the potential for the Fire & Rescue Services to expand the scope of their Home Safety Visits (HSV’s) to support health partners.
- **Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service are keen to support this national programme of work to assist the health agenda.**

**CCC Public Health colleagues identified the following issues as a local priority for CFRS to support through Safe and Well visits:**

- Falls prevention in the home.
- Supporting social Isolation – (Social Wellbeing)
- Supporting smoking cessation
- Supporting alcohol reduction.

**Designed to deliver a consistent and impacting interventions and support to Public Health (PH) & NHS across the whole of Cumbria County.**
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The Principals of the Fire & Rescue Service.

- **Save Life** - Slips/trips/falls.
- **Save Property** - Smoking/Alcohol Cessation.
- **Render Humanitarian Services** – Social Isolation (Wellbeing).

Priorities established after discussions with Public Health.

Safe and Well assessment criteria will follow key lines of enquiry in place within Public Health and will match the Compass data driven risk assessment methodology already being established.
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Training -

- HART Team, Operational staff, inclusive of some managers, will receive Safe and Well training.
- Training designed to provide staff with background information and knowledge to conduct a Safe and Well visit.
- Training will also cover information on referral pathways for those identified for further support during a Safe & Well Visit.
Next Steps

• Compare the Exeter data with our existing CFRMIS data
• Identify those premises not visited by CFRS
• Using the Experian Mosaic software provide a relative risk rating for these premises
• Prioritise these households from the relative risk rating
• Deliver HSV and Safe and Well visits
Implementing Safe and Well visits

• Using Exeter Health data, the Service will continue to focus on those most at risk from fire but will work with health partners to identify those households which also face additional health risks.

• The Service plans to deliver in the region of 8,000-10,000 home visits.
  • CFRS training to commence January 2017

• CFRS Safe and Well visits to begin from 1\textsuperscript{st} April 2017
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Any Questions?

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