SFRS - Contributing to the wellbeing of the elderly

Assistant Chief Officer David McGown
Fire fatalities profile

- Smokers
- Living alone
- Reduced mobility
- Health / mental health issues
- Alcohol consumption
- Addiction issues
- Elderly?
### Categorisation of HFSV’s by risk

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<td>Total (Risk)</td>
<td>76,074 (36%)</td>
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Building Safer Communities - Unintentional Harm & Injury

- Most at risk people within adult population: living alone / poor physical & mental health / cognitively impaired (strongly correlates with ageing and inequality)
- 64% of emergency hospital admissions for unintentional harm are for falls
  - 84% of these aged over 65
- Falls account for more than 70% of all fatal accidents in the +65 age group
- 75% of fall related deaths occur in the home
- 40 – 50% of unintentional harm in the home is preventable & risk profile closely matches those most at risk of harm from fire
Unintentional Harm – Strategic Assessment priorities

• Deprived communities
• Children & young people
• Older people
• Data gathering and sharing
• Bridging the gap between strategy & delivery
Vulnerability index.

- Over 60's
- Receiving benefits
- Social care
- Drug & alcohol
- Smokers
- Living alone
- Mental health
- Mobility
- SIMD
- Response times
SFRS Safe & Well visits

- Joint approach & outcome led
- Targeted to high risk – vulnerability indicators
- Safe and wellbeing measures
  - Fire suppression systems
  - Fire retardant bedding
  - Thermostatic controllers for cookers
  - Dementia (motion sensors, wifi enabled devices, etc.)
  - Falls
  - Loneliness
  - Increased referrals (Local Authority, 3rd sector, Age Scotland, Dementia Awareness, etc.)
Next steps

• BSC Unintentional Harm & Injury conference
• Unintentional Harm & Injury information & resources hub
• Health & Justice Board
• SFRS/Health & Social Care partnerships
• Political and strategic support
• SFRS Transformation