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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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SFRS - Contributing to the wellbeing of the elderly

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Fire fatalities profile

- Smokers
- Living alone
- Reduced mobility
- Health / mental health issues
- Alcohol consumption
- Addiction issues
- Elderly?



Categorisation of HFSV's by risk

HFSV	High	Medium	Low	Total
2013/14	24,286	29,323	17,713	71,322
2014/15	27,283	26,658	11,912	65,853
2015/16	24,505	27,964	19,320	71,789
Total (Risk)	76,074 (36%)	83,945 (40%)	48,945 (24%)	208,964

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

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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

