

Evaluation of Winter Safe and Warm Campaign

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Project Update:

Over the winter months, MF&RS personnel were advising members of the public about safe heating methods, as well as providing equipment for vulnerable and elderly people to replace dangerous heating equipment.

The programme has seen MF&RS working closely with key partners including Wirral Council Constituency Teams, Healthy Homes Team, Age UK Wirral, Magenta Living, Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group and Energy Projects Plus, helping older people to stay safe and warm in their houses, reducing social isolation and protecting the most vulnerable as temperatures drop.

Vulnerable or elderly occupants who are identified as utilising dangerous or inadequate forms of heating will be able to exchange this for an oil-filled radiator from MF&RS as part of the scheme, as well as receive winter warmth packs containing fleece blankets, flasks and advice about staying safe and warm.

MF&RS will provide a Home Fire Safety Check and other safety equipment as required. Occupants would then be referred for help from partner agencies to deal with longer term issues such as help with managing fuel bills, adaptations or other on-going support.

The project is helping to promote closer working relationships and better identification of vulnerable or socially isolated people. It also links them up with services and addresses fire safety issues in winter such as unsafe portable heaters, or inappropriate use of heating.

Wallasey Constituency Area

(CH44, CH45, CH46)

Q3 Update 1/10/14 – 31/12/14:

No of HFSC's completed:	491
No of HFSC's completed with at least one occupant over 65 years old:	217
Smoke Alarms installed:	583

Other risk reduction equipment issued includes Oil filled radiators, Winter Warmth Pack (gloves, blankets, torch, thermos), Fire Retardant Bedding Packs, Fire Retardant Throws, Strip Adapters, Deep Fat Fryers, Metal Bins, Hard of Hearing Smoke Detectors.

Total value of (non-smoke alarm) safety equipment issued in Wallasey area in Q3 =
£951.50

Q4 Update 1/1/15 – 31/03/15:

No of HFSC's completed:	508
No of HFSC's completed with at least one occupant over 65 years old:	217
Smoke Alarms installed:	531

Other risk reduction equipment issued includes Oil filled radiators, Winter Warmth Pack (gloves, blankets, torch, thermos), Fire Retardant Bedding Packs, Fire Retardant Throws, Strip Adapters, Deep Fat Fryers, Metal Bins, Hard of Hearing Smoke Detectors.

Total value of (non-smoke alarm) safety equipment issued in Wallasey area in Q4 =
£835.20