Occupational Therapy and Care Partnerships with Fire and Rescue Services

HARNESSING THE VALUE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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Fire deaths reducing...and a plateau
So how do the costs stack up?
A shared pathway
Holistic view of fire safety

- Person
- Occupation
- Environment
Sharing Skills and Resources
Helping Health and Social Care Services work with Fire and Rescue Services
Health and Social Care Service Drivers
Fire and Rescue Service Drivers
Allied Health Professions

IMPACT

1. AHPs will improve the health and wellbeing of people and populations

2. AHPs will support and provide solutions to general practice and urgent and emergency services to address demand.

3. AHPs will support integration, addressing historical service boundaries to reduce duplication and fragmentation.

4. AHPs will deliver evidence based/informed practice to address unexplained variances in quality and efficiency

PRIORITIES

1. AHPs can lead change

2. AHPs skills can be further developed

3. AHPs evaluate, improve and evidence the impact of their contribution.

4. AHPs can utilise information and technology
What can you do?

**AHPs**

Ensure you are aware of the relationship fire safety has with your practice

Engage in professional discussions about the interactions between fire risk and health/wellbeing

Occupational therapists initiate and support replication of the Manchester model [https://www.gmmh.nhs.uk/fire-safety-advice](https://www.gmmh.nhs.uk/fire-safety-advice)

Other AHPs explore how the added value of your profession helps to complete the jigsaw and pursue opportunities

Collect data and outcomes from work completed and share it
Out today...

Fire and Rescue Services

The value of working in partnership with occupational therapists
What can you do?

**Provider organisations**

Ensure there is a culture which supports AHPS staff to innovate, develop effective partnerships, measure and promote what works within fire safety and increase fire service capacity and capability to identify care needs. This applies even when the benefits are not always directly related to the provider patch e.g. they maybe population level or across boundaries.

**Commissioners**

Support and recognise the unique selling point of AHPs and the value they add to partnerships such as care and fire safety by improving health, wellbeing and productivity/efficiency.
What can you do?

Everyone

Talk to each other, raise awareness and share good practice/evidence

- ask to join the Health, Social Care and Fire network – email David Marsden at doingbetter@live.co.uk

- use social media #careaboutfire to discuss, share and network

- access and submit to the national repository https://www.gmmh.nhs.uk/fire-safety-advice

Begin and nurture partnerships based on improving safety & wellbeing and/or saving money, reducing duplication and extending our reach
And finally, complete the picture...

Thank you

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