

Fire Safety in the Home

Presentation from Avon Fire Service for South Gloucestershire Health and Social Care Network

Monday 27 June, 1-2.15pm, the Vassall Centre, Fishponds, BS16 2QQ

Avon Fire Service gave a presentation to the South Glos Health and Social Care Network on fire safety in the home aimed at volunteers and workers who go into people's homes.

Avon Fire & Rescue Service carries out free Home Fire Safety Visits. Fully trained staff will visit a home, and discuss fire safety as well as fitting free smoke alarms if needed. If you work with vulnerable clients you can request a free Home Fire Safety Visit by going to the website:

<http://www.avonfire.gov.uk/Avon/Your+safety/Fire+safety+in+the+home/Home+Fire+Safety+Visits.htm>

The Fire Service also offer

- Fitting of smoke detectors with ten year batteries (and new for old)
- Fire retardant bedding
- Smoke detectors suitable for clients who are hard of hearing.
- Letter boxes that can be fitted to the back of wooden doors, preventing arson attacks.
- An educational package for Fire Setters (people showing signs of being Arsonists)
- Child safety gates

Evaluation:

30 people attended, 15 completed evaluation forms.

Content	Average mark (out of 5)
How relevant was this session to the work that you do?	4.5
How likely are you to follow up on the information you received	4.7

today?	

What was the most significant outcome of the event for you?

- How little time you have to exit a building on fire.
- The equipment that is available and how it can help to keep vulnerable individuals safe.
- to understand that the fire service have the means to be so responsive to individual need
- How much support the fire service can provide free of charge.
- This needs to be made more aware to families which we can now do as we have received the relevant training/information to refer families.
- Ability to involve Service Users with their own safety in the home.
- The importance of closing your bedroom door at night. It was good to see film footage of how quickly a room is set alight. It was good to see there was a form so people could get fire safety checks, hoping the forms will be sent to us soon
- Assessments made by the fire service and this information being put in
- It gave us a framework to help members of the Senior Citizens Forum in South Gloucestershire. I think the presentation is being given to the Forum in the autumn.
- What equipment was available and how to refer to their service.
- I work in the Kingswood area and the statistics for fires in the home were interesting
- To pass learnt information onto the rest of my team.... to be more aware of fire safety with each home visit the team makes... to know where to go when support is needed.
- Awareness of safety issues I will share with our families, especially regarding smoke alarms
- Finding out how quickly the fire service will fit smoke alarms for vulnerable groups and about alarms for deaf people
- Smoke alarms available and learnt Fire Service would fit these for free.
- It was good to watch all the different video clips and to be aware of just how long you do have to escape if possible. The information given regarding being able to refer vulnerable people to the fire service was extremely helpful. It was useful to know that you can contact the fire setters team should you think there may be a problem of this type with a young disabled person you may be working with.

Are there any particular topics you would like to see covered in future meetings?

- How do we get the message across to young people?
- telecare
- What about keeping safe, money, supporting people to budget, health and hygiene....
- Other practical sessions e.g Care & Repair, Bobby Van (or whatever it's called)

- I felt the presentation covered it all very well – so more of the same.
- I was very interested in the concept of having a record within the fire service - keeping a record of whom we support who are unable to vacate their property in a fire situation, for the brigade to know they are unable to mobilise, where they bedroom is situated, if they use gas/electric and their mental health issues..... I think this is a very good idea and could save lives.... but I need to contact the Bristol brigade to see if they have the same system and gain their consent forms.
- Can't think of anything in particular, but this kind of practical session/presentation is very useful.
- It would be good if possible to be able to know how to put out minor fires in a home environment.

Are there any other comments you would like to make?

- The fire safety course was interesting and delivered in a relaxed manner. I hope you will have further courses that I can attend.
- I thought the training was very interesting and informative, thank you for inviting me.
- We are looking to try and set up a representative from North Somerset Fire Safety team to come out and do a presentation with staff.
- very interesting and informative fire safety presentation
- Very informative and helpful.
- This course was very interesting and well put together.
- It was a good turn out, the fire men were very informative and knowledgeable, we could have done with more time, a little too short.
- I felt this was a very worthwhile presentation. Certainly gets you
- I attach a copy of the article I have written for the Senior Citizens Forum Newsletter
- Good and informative session
- A few members of our team were able to attend and feedback information, but a refresher annually
- One negative point... too many people attended.. the room became stuffy.
- Do you have the information that was given out that you could email me, as I didn't get a paper copy on the day? Thanks
- Thinking not only about your working environment but home life too.
- Maybe so all staff have the opportunity to be better informed, it would be great if our families could see this presentation as I think it provokes
- Lots of positives I thought it was an excellent few hours training in a comfortable room, with good parking, the food (of which I did not partake) looked very welcoming too. Well done to the organisers.
- Thinking about how safe our homes are although as staff we can verbally give information some of the facts that were presented verbally and visually have a better impact.