



## VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMMITTEE – 4TH DECEMBER 2013

**SUBJECT: ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

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### SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE – UPDATE FOR CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH

1. The SWFRS Partner Agency Home Fire Safety Check initiative continues to work in partnership with agencies within Caerphilly County Borough to deliver Home Fire Safety Checks (HFSC) to individuals from High Risk / Vulnerable groups.
2. The following agencies work under a Service Level Agreement to deliver HFSC's to their own service users utilising their own services:

Care & Repair Caerphilly  
Reach Supported Living – Caerphilly  
Crossroads Care SE Wales  
Air Products

3. The following agencies work under a Memorandum of Understanding to provide High Risk / Vulnerable Referrals to SWFRS for action:

Caerphilly Hospital Discharge Service  
Social Services Caerphilly

4. The SWFRS has also recently commenced a trial with the British Red Cross (Fire and Emergency Support Service) whereby they will deliver a follow up HFSC to every household where an accidental dwelling fire has occurred. This trial is being carried out in all 10 Unitary Authorities covered by SWFRS.

5. There has been a steady decline in any dwelling fire within the Caerphilly County Borough over the past 18 months as follows:

Period 1 Apr 12 – 31 Sep 12 -	41 Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)
Period 1 Oct 12 – 31 Mar 13 -	30 ADF's
Period 1 Apr 13 – 30 Sep 13 -	27 ADF's

There have been no fatalities within Caerphilly County Borough during the same period however the number of injuries has fluctuated as follows:

Period 1 Apr 12 – 31 Sep 12 -	2 Injuries
Period 1 Oct 12 – 31 Mar 13 -	0 Injuries
Period 1 Apr 13 – 30 Sep 13 -	6 Injuries

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