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MEETING OF THE:	**AUTHORITY**		
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TITLE OF REPORT:	**OLDER PERSONS DAY 2016**		

APPENDICES:	

Purpose of Report

1. To inform members of the activities undertaken and outcomes achieved during Older Persons Day 2016.

Recommendation

2. That Members;

    a. Note the contribution of MFRA staff to Older Persons Day 2016 on Friday 30th September 2016.

Introduction and Background

3. Home Safety Week is supported by the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) and was delivered by MFRA from 26th September – 2nd October 2016. This campaign incorporated Older Persons Day on 30th September 2016.

4. On 30th September 2016, Home Fire Safety Checks (HFSC) targeted at individuals aged over 65 years old were delivered by Operational Crews, frontline Community Risk Management Advocates, supported by non-operational MFRA staff from all areas of the organisation.

5. The day was co-ordinated by the Home Safety Team based at Service Headquarters (SHQ) and was delivered pan Merseyside. Status reports were provided to Operational Crews and supporting teams utilising Exeter Data that has been secured through a data sharing agreement with the National Health Service (NHS).

6. During the day, 2,539 properties were visited with 1,032 HFSC visits delivered to households across Merseyside. Of the visits that were conducted, 42 were recorded as high risk and required further intervention from the Community Risk Management Advocates. A full breakdown of visits by District is detailed below:

	Knowsley	Liverpool	Sefton	St Helens	Wirral	Total
HFSC Completed	82	311	214	134	291	**1,032**
High Risk	4	19	3	2	14	**42**
Refusal	4	32	16	9	14	**75**
Leafleted	146	391	183	365	422	**1,507**

7. The event was also supported by Corporate Communications and various partner agencies.

Conclusion

8. The week offered the opportunity to deliver a high number of HFSC visits to over 65's in Merseyside who are the group at highest risk of fire in the home. These interventions will contribute to the Home Safety Strategy 2015 – 2018 and raise the profile of the work conducted by the Community Risk Management Team in our communities. In addition, it has offered an opportunity for MFRA staff working on other areas of the organisation to gain an insight into the workings of Community Risk Management.

9. Approximately 50 MFRA staff from various areas of the organisation supported the delivery of Older Persons Day. Positive feedback has been received from those involved in the day.

10. The weeks activity highlighted the risk to the over 65's in our communities which was reflected by the 42 high risk referrals identified during Older Persons Day.

Equality and Diversity Implications

11. The Equality and Diversity Team will be provided with a full breakdown of the HFSC engagement conducted on the day by area delivered, ethnicity and religion.

Staff Implications

12. Older Persons day provided all MFRA staff with an opportunity to engage with Merseyside residents through the HFSC and experience what it is like to reduce risk in the community and potentially save a life..

Legal Implications

13. The activity complies with MFRA's legal duty under s.6 Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 to promote fire safety

Financial Implications & Value for Money

14. All funding requirements were met from existing MFRA budgets.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

15. Older Persons Day was subject to existing risk assessments.

16. Engagement and activity was targeted using Exeter Data to target over 65's who were recorded on operational crew status reports as requiring a HFSC visit.

Contribution to Our Mission: *Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters*

17. The high profile delivery of Community Risk Management initiatives and the associated risks identified with over 65's.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NONE If this report follows on from another, list the previous report(s)

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

NHS National Health Service

SHQ Service Headquarters

HFSC Home Fire Safety Check

CFOA Chief Fire Officers Association

MFRA Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority