

NHS Data – Fair Processing Statement

NHS England, the Royal College General Practitioners and Fire and Rescue Services (FRS) in England work together to ensure preventative resources are offered to those who may benefit most. This is achieved by referrals and the sharing of information (where relevant, proportionate and necessary) to allow fire service personnel to undertake Safe and Well visits and Home Fire Safety Checks. If you require more information about how NHS England use and share your information, please click on the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/privacy-notice/your-information/>

Research has shown that those at high risk from fire death and injury are those who are most likely to impact on a range of NHS services. Safe and Well visits / Home Fire Safety Checks are developed between local health practitioners and FRSs to meet local health-risk priorities. They therefore represent an intervention which can improve people's quality of life while reducing demand on critical services.

The majority of fire deaths in the UK occur amongst the elderly population. However older people are most vulnerable to fire and a number of other risks. A Safe and Well visit / Home Fire Safety Check from the FRS is proven to make them safer and can reduce risk significantly across a range of factors.

In one area of the United Kingdom where this work has been piloted since 2007, there has been a very significant reduction in fire deaths and injuries which has developed into a current trend well below the national average. So we know this work can save many lives.

The FRS and NHS will continue to work together in the future to ensure the visits undertaken by the FRS are effective in helping to make making people safe and well.