

Spotlight on...

Thriving Kirklees Initiative

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What the need was and how we identified it

Yorkshire Children's Centre's Health and Wellbeing services are now commissioned under the new Thriving Kirklees 0 – 19 healthy child programmes. As part of this new programme the team are focusing on collaborative working and partnership building to improve the quality and value to their service.

The group have introduced a safety in the home scheme. The scheme attracts eligible families residing in Kirklees with children under 2 to free home safety education and equipment. The scheme aims to see up to 240 families a year.

Families referred on to the scheme receive, 2 safety gates, 1 fire guard, 1 bath mat, 2 cupboard locks, 4 corner cushions and several window restrictors, with equipment supplied being fitted by the 'Thriving Kirklees fitting team'. Kirklees District recognised a real opportunity to integrate WYFRS Safe and Well agenda within Thriving Kirklees to make the recipient of the visits even safer in their homes.

What we did and the difference we made

Kirklees District identified that WYFRS could deliver an 'all encompassing' service as part of the scheme by providing the fitting service as well as the Safe and Well advice. The fitting service is now delivered by two employees from WYFRS who are trained to receive the referrals and fit the safety equipment. This initiative has established an integrated approach to bring value to each home visit due to the substantial amount of home fire safety knowledge and expertise brought by WYFRS staff.

Following the successful training of the WYFRS staff the partnership went live on the 3 May with great benefits being identified by all partners and members of Kirklees community.

Outcomes

The pilot has been a huge success and has delivered 19 safe and well visits to identified vulnerable lone parents across Kirklees District. We have also been able to establish integrated processes to access vulnerable members of our community who may require wider partnership agency assistance.

Kirklees District and the Thriving Kirklees Team are continually reviewing the scheme to add further value to the community of Kirklees. This has resulted in the utilisation of enhanced IT provision of electronic tablets provided by Thriving Kirklees and used by the fitters. WYFRS Safe and Well processes have also been embedded within the visits so information gathering is not duplicated.

Keys to our success:

- Progressive integrated working relationships between WYFRS and Thriving Kirklees.
- Recognition by both partners that delivering a joint scheme within Kirklees District would make a difference.
- Commitment from all staff involved to deliver the scheme and ensure it was successful for the people receiving equipment and advice.

This Spotlight on supports the delivery of WYFRS Strategic Priority:

- Deliver a proactive fire prevention and protection programme

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