


Southern Safer Homes
'helping you towards a safer home'

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Project Background


- Commenced Feb 2008
- Funding
- Staffing
- Aims and Objectives





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Home Safety Equipment


- **Homes with children under 5yrs of age.**
 Extending fire guards, stair gates, cupboard locks
 Carbon monoxide alarms.
- **Homes of adults over 65yrs of age.**
 Touch lamps, Helping hand aids, plug mates,
 Long Handled shoe horns,
 Carbon monoxide alarms.
- **Homes of vulnerable children and adults who are less able**
 Security Alarms, all of the above.






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Demand for the Service



Statistics: Feb 08 – Mar 11

Referrals received	2,822
Assessments completed	1,847
Talks and presentations	566
Referrals to other agencies	1,303
Assessments outstanding	824



Methodology



- Assessment Forms
- Digital Pen Project
- Demonstration of Leadership, Innovation & Commitment



Transferable/Sustainable



- Training provided
- DVD's
- Message Filtering Down



Contribution to EH Practice



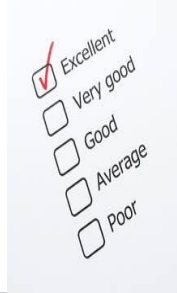
- Consumer Protection
- Health and Safety
- Home Accident Prevention Strategy
- Investing for Health Strategy



Evaluation



- Internal
- External
- Fulfilling Aim / Objectives



Cost of Service



- **Salary & Equipment Costs**
Cost to deliver the service is £80K per year
£17,000 per year per council area
- **Cost to Date**
£238,000



Value for Money



- **Potential Accidents Averted**
3,274

Assessments completed 1,847
Follow up visits 124
Onward referrals 1,303
total 3,274
Calculates at approximately
£73 per intervention
(Approx 3,274X £73 per circa £240,000)



Value for Money



- **ROSPA have calculated the average cost of treating an accident stands at nearly £10,000**
- **Cost to the NI Health Service £80 million per annum (DHSSPSNI)**
- **Only 24 accidents need to be prevented to warrant the cost of the project**



Thank you for listening



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