



**NORTH YORKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

Vulnerable Person Strategy 2013 – 2017

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The Vulnerable Person Strategy is a key component of the NYFRS Community Safety Strategy 2013 – 2016 and will help to prevent and reduce the incidence of death or serious injury from fire in dwellings. The people who are most vulnerable to fire death or injury will be identified and referred to the appropriate agency by working together with partners in the communities of York and North Yorkshire.

It will do this by establishing the vulnerable persons' referral scheme across the 8 fire service Districts within North Yorkshire. The scheme will ensure that all vulnerable person referrals are communicated to NYCC or the appropriate agency by the vulnerable and safeguarding officer for NYFRS. The scheme is aligned to objectives identified within the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) and the vulnerable persons' project report 2012 and will assist the service by;

- Working to stabilise the number of fire fatalities aged 50+
- Working with NYCC and other partners to reduce the number of serious injuries from fire to the over 50's
- Improving the take up of services by the over 50's who have suffered trauma caused by a fire
- Improving engagement with older people to enable accurate evaluation of the impact of the strategy

The Vulnerable Person's Strategy will be delivered against the corporate objectives and key objective number 2 within IRMP 2010 – 2013 and the CFOA National Older Persons strategy 2011¹ ; working in partnership with other agencies described within formal and informal agreements designed to provide a prospectus of activity with the objective of;

- Preventing accidental dwelling fires in the over 50 age group by working with partners to provide intervention, help and guidance where it is most needed
- Promoting the effective dissemination of information, advice and guidance
- Building meaningful and productive relationships with partners and vulnerable groups within local communities
- Protecting older people who have care provided for them through advising on and enforcing fire safety measures
- Working with partner agencies and communities to respond to diverse and individual needs whilst ensuring equality of opportunity
- Ensuring that fires are extinguished quickly and effectively and that people are assisted in their recovery from a fire experience
- Learning from our experiences to refine and improve this strategy whilst developing robust quality improvement systems

The vulnerable person referral form is used to refer vulnerable people to other agencies and to NYCC; it is posted on the Brigade Intranet in the vulnerable persons' project library.

¹ 'Ageing safely' –protecting an ageing population from the risk of fire in the home.

Relevant Service documents;

Ageing safely' – protecting an ageing population from the risk of fire in the home (CFOA publications 02/12/2011).

Community safety and fire risk reduction for the vulnerable 2011-project report

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service IRMP 2010 - 2013

Associated with the overall Vulnerable Person Strategy are a series of specific Service documents which are designed to compliment the overall strategy, these include:

- Partnership Strategy
- Safeguarding Adults Policy
- Community Safety Strategy 2013 - 2016
- Vulnerable persons project report 2012
- Vulnerable persons policy

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