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What is Let's Work Together - Cannock Chase?

'**Let's Work Together**' is a multi-agency initiative which ensures that people receive the support they need to live healthy, safe and independent lives.

It provides those people who visit individuals and families in their homes, with the tools training and skills to be the 'eyes and ears' for partner organisations, identifying risks and signposting or referring to services.

As a home visitor, **Let's Work Together** will provide the skills needed to spot risks in clients' homes, as well as offering the confidence and know-how to make referrals. It will also provide details in relation to how the referral system works so home visitors can be confident that referrals made will be dealt with by an appropriate professional.

As a service manager, **Let's Work Together** will help to ensure all staff get the training they need to spot risks in their clients' homes, and have the skills and confidence to make a referral.

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Outcomes of the project

The following outcomes have been identified:

For individuals/families

- Reducing the risks for people at home so they can live healthy, safe and independent lives, supported by a team that is centred on them and well connected to each other.

For practitioners

- To know how to get the right services in place and easy routes and methods to building the team around the family or adult.

For organisations

- Improved value for money from home visits with better outcomes for their residents/clients.

Background

This initiative was developed by The Lichfield District Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) due to the success of the Olive Branch initiative.

Olive Simcock lived alone in South Staffordshire and her lifestyle put her at a high risk of fire safety issues.

Although she was known to care staff from Staffordshire County Council, she was not known to Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service. Unfortunately, because of this, the fire risks in her home were not identified and addressed.

Olive sadly died in a fire at her Staffordshire home in 2006.

Following Olive's death, the Olive Branch initiative was launched. Its aim was to prevent unnecessary deaths, like Olive's, in the future.

The Lichfield District LSP were so impressed by the Olive Branch initiative, they wanted to build on its success. Since the Let's Work Together initiative was launched, it has successfully embedded the partnership working approach across other agencies to help tackle a wider spectrum of risks in the home and in people's lifestyles.

Let's Work Together - Cannock Chase will be developed and delivered across Cannock Chase District based on the same model.