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South Yorkshire Dementia Action Alliances (SYDAA) Dementia Fire & Home Safety Project

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SYDAA: Unique partnership project

- Funded for 2 years through the South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority's Stronger Safer Communities Reserve Fund

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Looking inside & outside of the box



Delivering a dementia specific fire & home safety project

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Focus on:

Reducing risks of fire & home safety for people living with dementia



Promoting Home Safety Checks

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**Help Reduce Risk of FIRE For
People Living with Dementia**

Call 0114 253 2314 or
email cfsadmin@syfire.gov.uk
for your **FREE**
Home Safety Check



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**Stamping out
Home Fires**

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**STRONGER
SAFER
COMMUNITIES
RESERVE**

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

**South Yorkshire
FIRE & RESCUE**

DAA Dementia
Action Alliance

Dementia
Friendly

“Having the home safety check done for my mum was really good. It helped to ease my mind and reduce my stress about her still living alone”.

Smoke Alarm Testers: reduces need to stand on something to test the alarm

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Mrs Anne Dawson arranged for a free Home Safety Check for her mum and dad, her mum has dementia. Anne was present when SYFR staff carried out the check.

Anne said **“they’d got an extension cable plugged into the wall, another extension cable plugged into the first one and then another one in the second one and they were using all of them. This was happening in more than one room. Where they were not using extension cables they were using adapters and these were all full. The electric fire was faulty and the plug was red hot.**

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The Fire Officers advised me on what things I needed to get to make everything safer. They also fitted two new smoke alarms and an up-to-date carbon monoxide tester and talked to us about a fire action plan.

I went and bought the new fire and extension cable immediately and had them correctly installed.

As a carer it was well worth doing the Home Safety Check and I would say that all carers should just get it done – it's given me fewer things to worry about."

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- **Worked with South Yorkshire Police**
Improved HP Form
- **With Organisations & Individuals**
Encouraged the use of Herbert Protocol

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**Keeping People Living with
Dementia Safe & Found**

For a copy of the Herbert Protocol go to:
www.southyorks.police.uk/help-and-advice/other-services/herbert-protocol



Fill the form in - keep it handy
Give it to the police - if & when needed
Keep the form up-to-date



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“It was a really good way to put across everything about Herbert Protocol. It’s such a useful thing and very practical for those of us who are carers. Brilliant.”

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Developed 3 dementia specific videos focussing on keeping people living with dementia

- Safe from Fire;
- Safe & Found (Herbert Protocol); and
- Safe from Trips & Falls

Information Pack

Produced information sheets & also included local information

The following is feedback from a carer about the value of the information pack and inclusion of local information. She said:

“I’d been struggling to care for my mum & didn’t know where to turn to. Having been given the information pack I looked at all the details and saw information about the Admiral Service.

I’d never heard of them. I contacted them & a worker supported me through a very stressful time.

I couldn’t have coped without the service support that I only gained because of having the project information pack.

Cooking Safety

Identified families to try out a new cooker hood with in-built safety device

Events/Activities

Organised/held/attended various events/activities e.g. Dementia Awareness Week & Carers Week, Lifewise Centre workshops, community specific groups/fairs

Alternative smoke alarm

Initial meetings to look at possibility of doing some research.



Project Legacy

- Embed the essence of the project
- Share learning across a broader geography
- Look to progress the work on alternative smoke alarms

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- Holding a final event:

GREAT GIVE AWAY

Mon 11th Sept: 10 – 12.15

@ Source Academy

300 Meadowhall Way

Sheffield S9 1EA