



Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service
Putting Shropshire's Safety First

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Older Persons Officer Achievements & Initiatives 2006



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History of the post

Initially the post was funded by Shropshire County for 12 months. The post has continued since and it now pending approval from the Fire Authority to continue.



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Fact

- Statistics have shown that older people are more at risk from injury or death from a fire in the home.
- Census 2001 showed that 20.97% of the population of Shropshire are retired. That equates to 31,000 pensioner households.
- In Telford & Wrekin 12.4% are over 65 that's 19,626 pensioners



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Initial Actions

- To develop new and existing partnerships with external agencies who provide services for older people
- To provide training to those supporting older people in the community
- To develop new initiatives which actively promote fire safety and generate smoke alarm referrals



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Key Achievements

- Successful partnership formed between SFRS and The Red Cross 'Home From Hospital' Service
- District Nurses and Health Visitors countywide are referring to us regularly
- Community Meals at Telford & Wrekin have recently agreed to distribute our postcards to all their service users (some 400)
- The flu clinic campaign (2005) generated 98 referrals for smoke detectors
- Regularly talk to those attending the 'Falls Clinic' in Shrewsbury and Telford



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Key Achievements

- Worked with the Gypsy Liaison Officer from SCC with regards to offering those on our gypsy sites optical detectors for their caravans
- A training presentation has been developed to assist in training care workers
- Continually developing a list of contacts for local parish magazines and newsletters. Regularly insert written pieces according to time of year



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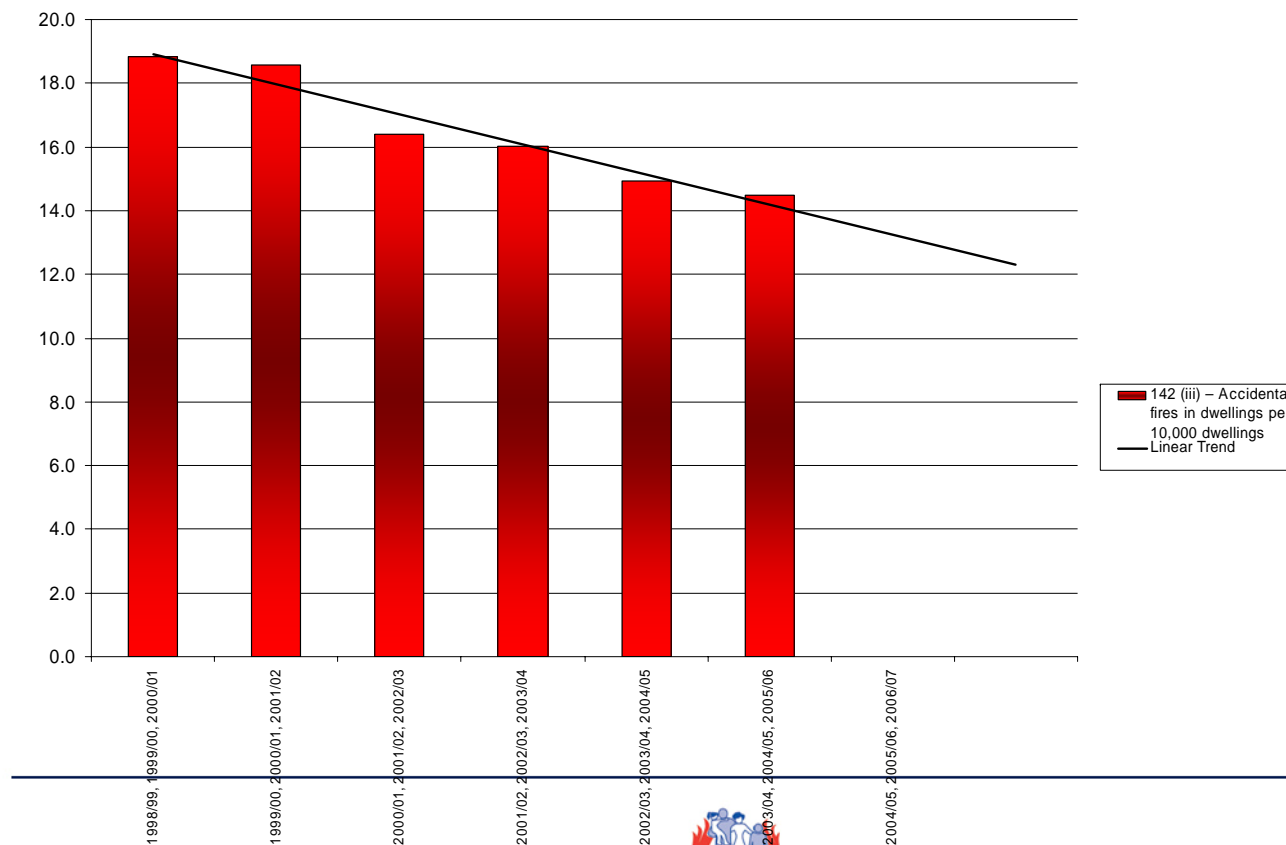


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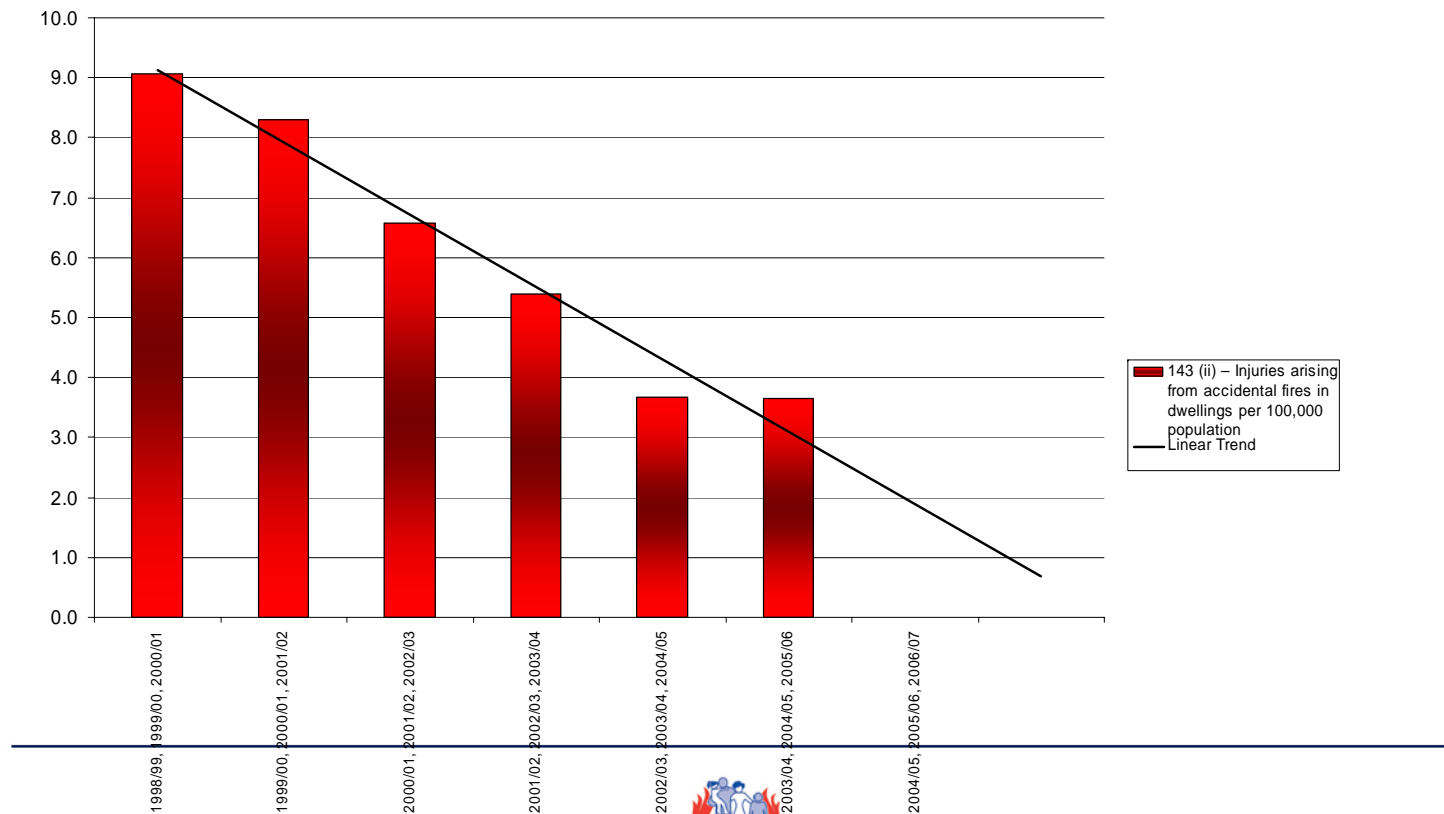


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Looking Forward

Other vulnerable groups in our communities are at a higher risk from fire in the home. We need to continue and improve how we specifically target our CFS activities to include these people.

Those we consider 'vulnerable' are

- Those with limiting long term illness
- Single Parent families
- Those living in rented accommodation
- Those in socially deprived areas
- Those having drug and alcohol addictions
- Disabled people
- People with learning difficulties



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