

Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub
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South Wales
Fire and Rescue Service

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWFRS)

SWFRS Activity and Safeguarding

Working Together to Safeguard People Volume 1

- At the scene of fire
- Home safety checks
- Business fire safety audits
- Arson investigations
- School/youth group talks
- Older people other community groups
- Patterns of fire-setting
- Frequent callers

Home Fire Safety Checks

- Self refer using free-phone number 0800 1691234 or using online self assessment or if agency using referral form on website.
- **Heightened risk of death or injury by fire** - Risk based on **behaviour, individual characteristics** and the **environment**: smoking, substance and/or alcohol misuse, ability to escape (mobility), living alone, chronic health condition, older age, falls, dementia, mental health, hoarding, sensory impairment, layout of property, working smoke alarms.
- Domestic abuse, hate crime
- Enhanced home safety check conducted by Community Safety Staff.
- Supported by seconded **Occupational Therapist** with an adult mental health background – gives light health check unable to escape / limited insight of fire risk / ability to retain or recall fire risk advice.
- Person-centred fire - risk assessments
- Equipment – smoke alarms, heat detectors, strobe alarms, vibrating alarms, bedding packs, extension leads, letterbox guards.

Home Fire Safety Checks (cont)

- Establishment of Falls Referral Pathways with Local Health Boards.
- Embrace assistive technology. Pending partnership with Telecare provider, for SWFRS to install Telecare smoke sensors.
- Police (and other agency) referrals for threats of Arson relating to domestic abuse or hate crime.
- Business Fire Audits on business premises and homes of multiple occupancy.



Co-vid 19

- Only making home visits to those who need extra protective equipment and who can't install themselves nor has anyone who can install for them.
- Only visit in cases where the risk from death by fire is “critical” (determined by joint agency discussion)
- This has been the case throughout the pandemic and will remain the case during this next lockdown, from Fri 23rd Oct.

Youth and Education Services

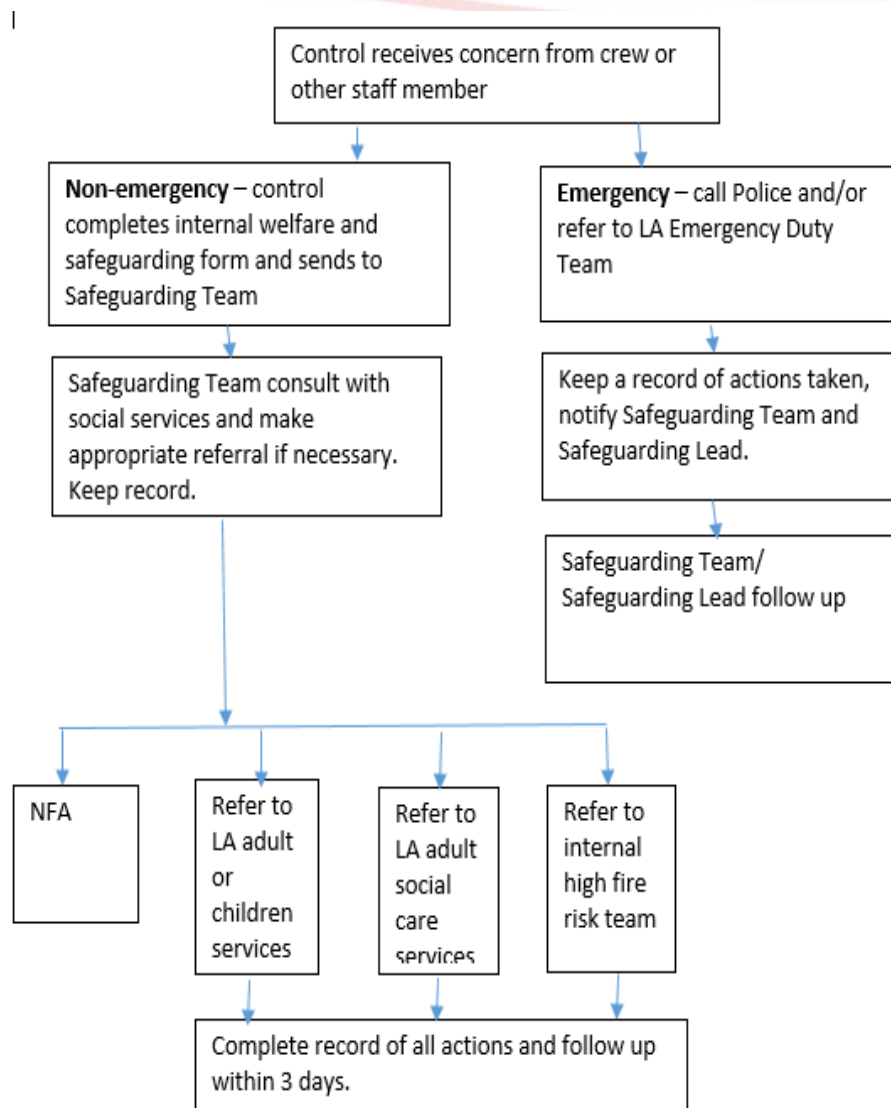
- **Fire Cadets:** 13-16yrs Btec
- **Phoenix:** short term station based activity (10+ at risk of offending, asb)
- **Crimes & Consequences:** 10+ community based workshops/diversionary activities (10+ at risk of asb/offending)
- **Fire-setting Intervention:** 6+ individualised one – one programme depending on age, nature of fire-setting, ability, one off home visit and up to 10 sessions for Arson convictions.
- **School visits:** all primary schools yr 2 & 5, requests from comps for fire, road and water safety packages.
- **Road safety:** presentations to schools/colleges
- **Seasonal activity:** Bernie and Op Bang



Co-vid 19 Youth Services

- All suspended for 2 weeks from Fri 23rd
- Revert to pre-lock down modified procedures:
- Crimes and Consequences and School visits – suspended
- Phoenix – running only from Malpas, Newport.
- Cadets – face to face on stations with SD,PPE for 2nd year cadets only to complete Btec qual by Dec 2020
- Planning to return to normal by Jan 21
- Recruiting in Aberbargoed, Abergavenny, Cwmbran, Merthyr, Tredegar (all other units are full)
- Waiting lists for Barry, Bridgend, Roath, Caerphilly, Tonypany, Cardiff Gate, Tredegar
- FIS – postal and telephone service, working toward virtual engagement and/or station venue

What happens if staff have concern?



SG Referrals 1st April 20 - to date

LA	Hoarding/self neglect	Older person care needs	MH Suicide	MH other/ drugs	Adult abuse	Child neglect	Total
Cardiff	9	4	2	2	0	0	17
Vale	3	2	1	2	2	1	11
RCT	7	10	2	3	0	0	22
Merthyr	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
Bridgend	1	7	0	5	2	2	17
Newport	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Caerphilly	4	4	1	3	0	3	15
Blaenau Gwent	2	3	2	1	0	0	8
Monmouth	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Torfean	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	27	35	9	18	4	7	109

