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Report to: MIDLOTHIAN POLICE AND FIRE RESCUE BOARD

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Subject: LIVING SAFELY IN THE HOME PILOT (MIDLOTHIAN)

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Board with the evaluation report completed for the Living Safely in the Home pilot initiative which has been discussed at previous board meetings.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Midlothian Police and Fire Rescue board notes the contents of this report.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) is an initiative led by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in partnership with the Midlothian Enhanced Rapid Response and Intervention Team (MERRIT) and Midlothian Council. The focus of the initiative is on providing a more holistic approach to the assessment of risk within the home across the Midlothian area. The project aims to reduce unintentional harm in the home by targeting the most high-risk groups, namely the elderly over 65's and the under 5's.
- 3.2 Midlothian was selected for the pilot due to the proportionately high number of occurrences of unintentional harm resulting in an emergency admission to Accident and Emergency services. (Rationale detailed in appendix 3)

4 CONCLUSIONS FROM EVALUATION (page 13 of evaluation report)

- 4.1 There is clear evidence that the development of a more holistic approach to home safety can enhance the quality of health and social care provision and contribute towards positive outcomes both nationally and locally. Through analysis of the

feedback from partners, SFRS staff, service users and statistical data, a number of conclusions and recommendations have been detailed in the evaluation report.

- 4.2 The conclusions demonstrate strong reasons to continue this very positive partnership work in Midlothian.
- 4.3 The recommendations will be closely considered alongside the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's development of a Safe and Well policy which will form an important element of our Service Transformation.
- 4.4 This work has been highlighted in the SFRS as an area of best practice.