

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 1 DECEMBER 2005**

#### **HOME SAFETY PACKS TO VULNERABLE YOUNG FAMILIES**

##### **Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1. To advise the Forum of an initiative to introduce home safety packs to vulnerable families with young children in the Netherthird area of Cumnock.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. This initiative was developed in accordance with East Ayrshire Community Plan: Improving Community Safety: Aim 5 - To develop safety initiatives to help people feel more safe and secure and East Ayrshire Children and Young Person's Service Plan: Improving Community Safety: Promotion of improved road safety and reduce household accidents.

#### **3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1. 780 Home Safety Starter Packs were provided to Netherthird Family Centre in a pilot project that would target vulnerable families where there were children under 5 years old.
- 3.2. The contents of the packs include:
  - 12 plug socket covers
  - 8 corner cushions
  - 6 cupboard/drawer locks
  - 1 fridge/freezer lock
  - 1 toilet seat lock
  - 1 door stopper
  - 1 video lock
- 3.3 Staff at the Family Centre will monitor the delivery of the packs and Health Visitors in the area will give advice and information to families about the pack.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. The project was funded by Ayrshire and Arran Community Health Partnership and East Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership Award fund.

**5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. Nil

**6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Nil

**7. CONCLUSIONS**

7.1. This is a worthwhile initiative that will help to improve safety in the home in an effort to reduce home accidents. The project will be monitored and, given a successful evaluation will be rolled out to other communities in East Ayrshire.

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1. The Forum is invited to note the contents of this report

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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