

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee:	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Report Title:	Review of Falls in Older People in Hampshire
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To understand the extent and patterns of demand on health and social care services in the Hampshire area generated by falls and their consequences in people of 65+ years.

2. Context

- 2.1. The interest of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee was raised by an assertion in a document produced by the South Central Ambulance Service which attributed significant demand to attend calls for falls.

3. Conclusions

- 3.1. The Review Panel concluded that whilst there are pockets of innovation and integrated working in localities, there is little evidence of an overall integrated strategy for falls and falls prevention of sufficient detail to provide a framework for an action plan to support its implementation. Where work has been progressed, it has been provider led.
- 3.2. The Review Panel also concluded that the production and communication of good reliable data about falls demand, costs and the cost effectiveness of falls prevention approaches or initiatives is usually either very difficult or impossible to obtain, apart from a few examples of good practice.
- 3.3. Because of the above issues the Panel also concluded that until these are addressed and remedied, the necessary evidence required to deliver integrated, more effective and cost effective services will be difficult to find and therefore they need to be addressed as a priority if demand is to be effectively managed and unnecessary falls prevented or reduced.

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None