

What's happened and happening in Bucks

Area of work	Activity	Contact
Senior Wellbeing Fairs	6 Fairs are held across the county per year. Each one includes a Sloppy Slipper Exchange with risk assessment, information and advice	Susie Richardson 01494 606647
Get Fit, Avoid Falls	Planning is in an advanced stage to run programmes each year in 8 Sports and Leisure Centres and community sites across Bucks. Venues and starting dates will be advertised on this site.	Catherine Erbetta 01494 426995
Community Exercise	Funding has been made available for community exercise groups, including chair-based exercise, across Bucks. Details of exercise opportunities for over 50s can be found on this website under Lifestyle Management/Activities in Bucks	Steve Golden-Smith 01296 383148
Community Falls Awareness and Assessment Education	A multi-agency rolling programme is under development for all staff (health, social care, housing etc) working with older people. Competency-based and geographically spread, the training events programme will be advertised on this site when finalised.	Catherine Erbetta
Online Training	An online falls and osteoporosis educational module is under preparation and the launch is planned for June 26 th 2007. Aimed principally at GPs, other health professionals will also have access.	Catherine Erbetta
Osteoporosis	A conference on March 13 th 2007 initiated the process of developing an osteoporosis pathway/guideline across primary and secondary care in Bucks.	Catherine Erbetta
Falls Specialist Team	Buckinghamshire PCT now has a small specialist team, consisting of a clinical falls specialist, Get Fit, Avoid Falls coordinator, the A&E falls team (see below) and administration.	Alison Aylen (from June) 01494 426989
A&E Falls Specialist Team	The A&E Falls Specialist Team is now working at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in addition to Wycombe Hospital. They aim to reduce the need for admission following a fall by offering rapid risk and home hazard assessment, equipment provision and referral as appropriate.	Kate Lord/Sugi Ganesan 01296 315172/01494 526161 x2096
Falls Services Available	For falls risk assessment and treatment services across Bucks, see the patient pathways (under information for professionals/local information/forms and pathways). The referral	Catherine Erbetta/Alison Aylen

	form also gives inclusion and exclusion criteria.	
Bucks Hospitals Trust	Many older people admitted to hospital fall while inpatients. BHT is preparing a Falls Guideline to ensure that all older patients are assessed for their falls and osteoporosis risk and appropriate interventions made. Falls documentation and staff falls training will also be reviewed.	Via Catherine Erbetta
Telecare and Falls	A bid will be submitted by June 2007 for funding to trial some aspects of Telecare in the community. Make contact if you'd like to be involved or know more.	Catherine Erbetta
Urgent Care for Fallers	Work is underway to strengthen links with personal alarm systems (pendant alarms), the South Central Ambulance Service, Out of Hours service etc to ensure that older people who fall receive the assessment and treatment they need, out of hospital if appropriate.	Catherine Erbetta
Minority Ethnic Groups	Awareness raising and factfinding about falls among some Asian groups in High Wycombe will commence in May 2007. Falls information CDs have been developed in Asian languages.	Afshan Qreshi 01494 421533

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