

Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee

Hearing 16

Wednesday 26th September 2018

Witness Guide for Members

Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members may be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.

Themes and Questions

Ian Thomson, Assistant Director for Community Safety, and Richard Stanford-Beale, Research and Development Manager – Community Safety, Kent Fire and Rescue Service

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- Why is the Kent Fire and Rescue Service involved in tackling loneliness and social isolation in Kent?
- In what ways can we best identify older people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, loneliness or social isolation?
- What initiatives has Kent Fire and Rescue Service put in place to prevent or reduce loneliness and social isolation amongst Kent's older residents?
- To what extent is the Kent Fire and Rescue Service working in collaboration with KCC in order to tackle social isolation and loneliness amongst Kent's older residents?
- In your view, what are the main challenges associated with preventing or reducing social isolation and loneliness amongst older people?
- In your opinion, what more can be done, if anything, to prevent or reduce the impact of social isolation and loneliness on Kent's older residents?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?