

From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 August 2020 17:12
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: S5W-31224 - 25/08/20

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for this. Can I check that [redacted] had sight of the Care and repair bit of the answer. In the background you have written that C&R services is available in most parts of the country – think the answer needs to be tweaked to reflect that. I am also unsure about the stats that are quoted in point 5 of the background note – is that saying that fire service launched the campaign as a result of the 12 deaths?

Other than that everything else looks good. Can you please consider the above comments and action as necessary.

Many thanks
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 August 2020 14:04
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: S5W-31224 - 25/08/20

Hi [redacted]

Please see attached PQ S5W-31224 for approval. This is a follow up question to a PQ [redacted] recently answered (S5W-31126).

This has been assigned to [redacted] but it is due the same day she returns from leave (25/8) and we would like to have it ready for her return.

[redacted] – including you at this stage as I'm aware tomorrow is your Non-working day (hope this is OK).

Grateful for any comments.

Thanks

[redacted]

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T: [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 August 2020 09:16
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Hope this helps.

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Sent: 19 August 2020 17:22
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Cc: n[redacted]
Subject: RE: PQS5W-31224

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Sent: 19 August 2020 17:06
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Cc: [redacted]
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[redacted]

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S5W-31224

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 August 2020 10:35
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: S5W-31224 - 25/08/20

Hi both,

Changes made to reflect both of your comments. I've added in one other para from [redacted]'s BN, which is the last one. Although it relates more to the previous question asked, I still think it may be useful to include. Grateful for any comments.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 August 2020 09:19
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: S5W-31224 - 25/08/20

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Might want to amend answer slightly to take account of [redacted]'s contribution below.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 August 2020 09:13
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: S5W-31224 - 25/08/20

Hi [redacted]

For Care and Repair you could say:

Local Care and Repair services which are available in most local authority areas, can offer older and disabled people practical help and advice in relation to organising

work to their home. This can be in respect of repairs and improvement work but also for the installation of adaptations and safety items such as fire alarms.

We don't have a specific line on older people and safety as our focus is more broadly on independent living (safety is part of the idea of living in the right home) but this is our top line from the Housing and Independent Living Core Brief which ties back to the vision statement from Age, Home and Community, the older people's housing strategy.

We champion independent living for older and disabled people within their community. Living in the right home with the right support can be the key to enabling people to live safely and independently at home.

Thanks
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 August 2020 14:02
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: S5W-31224 - 25/08/20

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for this, apologies if I misled you – the attached background note was for the previous case although we may well use point 9 again for this one. Would be really helpful if you could provide a few lines we can include based on your advice below. Also, is there anything we could say specifically about safety ?

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 August 2020 13:05
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: S5W-31224 - 25/08/20

Hi [redacted]

At or around point 9 in the background note you could add a sentence about local Care & Repair services which are available in most parts of the country and offer older and disabled people practical help and support in relation to arranging work relating to the installation of adaptations and undertaking repairs.

Thanks
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 August 2020 12:24
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: S5W-31224 - 25/08/20

Hi [redacted]

[redacted] provided an answer and background note the a PQ recently (see attachment). She has now been allocated a follow up PQ (see below) but is on leave and doesn't return until the day it is due. [redacted] is the lead on the policy around fire alarms but in her absence, we're trying to pull together an answer and background note for her to look at on her return. Just running this past you as you might have something you could usefully add to the background note re support for older and vulnerable people.

Please send any contribution directly to [redacted] and copy [redacted] and I in.

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 August 2020 10:29
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: S5W-31224 - 25/08/20

Hi both,

Any idea who could answer the below in [redacted]'s absence? I don't think it's one any of us can answer

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If it is can you confirm who we can allocate it to. If not, any pointers would be great!

It is due with Private Office for 25/08/20.

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From February 2021, fire and carbon monoxide detectors must be fitted in Scottish homes – these are required to comply with the statutory Tolerable Standard which applies to all houses. Compliance with the Tolerable Standard is included as part of the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) which social rented housing must meet and the Repairing Standard which private rented housing must meet.