Safe Warm and Secure pilot project extended

Hampshire County Council has extended the Safe Warm and Secure pilot project which offers practical advice and support to people aged over 70 to help them maintain and improve their home. The scheme is available to residents living in the Eastleigh, New Forest and Test Valley boroughs/districts.

The Safe Warm and Secure pilot project has been established by the Wellbeing and Partnerships Team in Hampshire County Council, Age Concern Hampshire and the Shaw Trust to help people over 70 to keep safe, warm and secure.

The pilot is only available in Eastleigh, New Forest and Test Valley Borough/District Council boundaries, and is available until December 2011.

The project is aimed at providing homeowners, who are over 70 years old, with support to help them improve and maintain their house to keep it safe, warm and secure and so enable them to continue to live independently at home with a positive quality of life.

The Safe, Warm and Secure Advisors provide free practical and emotional support for the older person ,until completion of the work.

They are able to take referrals from professionals, voluntary organisations and directly from the public.

The project is an advice and guidance service, but can not provide funding.

The advisors can help people by:

- Identifying available grants and benefits
- Home repairs
- Loft and cavity wall insulation including loft clearance
- Home security
- Adaptations such as rails, stairlifts and ramps
- Community alarms and Telecare
- Arranging free home safety visits

If you want to make a referral ,more information or fliers to distribute please contact us during office hours on **02392 733982**

or email safe.warm.secure@shaw-trust.org.uk