

7. Fire safety for people using skin cream

What is this work about?



The East of England looked at people dying from fires.



They looked at a type of cream called an 'emollient'.
This type of cream softens and soothes the skin if your skin is itchy.

What did they find out?



These creams can make clothes and bedding catch fire more easily.
This means people could be badly hurt or die in a fire.



You can find out more about the risks and how to stay safe if you use these creams in an Easy Read: nwknowledge.nhs.uk/

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What did the team do?



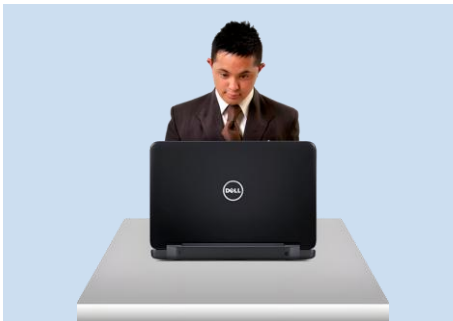
The East of England team got a group of health and social care staff, firefighters and carers together to try and reduce the risk of fire.



Some of the things they did were:



- trained more than 700 health and care staff and family carers

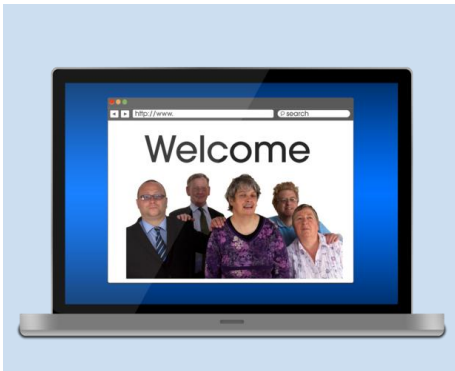


- made sure others can see the training online



- made an Easy Read to tell people about the risks

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- asked local carer groups and self-advocacy groups to put the information on their websites



- they found people who were most at risk and helped them reduce the risk of a fire



They will carry on sharing the information with staff so even more people know about the risk of emollients

How did they make things better?



Staff said they learnt a lot from the work that this team did. They won fire safety awards.