### FALLS PATHWAY

# Joined Up Care Derbyshire

LOW RISK MODERATE RISK HIGH RISK

#### **AGEING WELL**

(ALL OLDER PERSONS 65 YEARS+)

#### Supporting health improvement and self management to reduce risk of falls and fragility fractures by:

- Health promotion to encourage healthy ageing generally, and around falls prevention specifically. Derbyshire Falls Alert Service (01629 533 190). Useful national resources - <u>Staying Steady</u> and <u>Maintaining Strength</u>
- <u>Live Better Derbyshire</u> Email: info@derbyshire.gov.uk
- First Contact Safe Home Environment: firstcontact@derbyshire.gov.uk
  - Affordable warmth, home adaptations, telecare including home safety alarms – Metropolitan Home Improvement Agency (01332 947 350)
  - 2. Housing providers and house enforcements (01629 533 190)
- Safe and well check Fire Service (01298 608 720)
- Strength and balance exercise. Long-term/
   Continuous Physical Activity suitable for older people who require strength and balance training:
- 3. **Strictly No Falling** (01773 766 922)
- 4. Advice and support (social prescriber 01663 735350 hello@highpeakcvs.org.uk
- Personal care plan as appropriate
- Care Link (01298 813395)

#### IDENTIFY THOSE AT RISK

All health/social care professionals and others who are in regular contact with older people to ask:

Fell in the last 12 months?

#### If YES ask:

- How many times?
- Circumstances of the fall?
- Injuries sustained?
- Worried about falling?

Assess gait / balance using Timed Up & Go or 180 Test

 Do they have other risk factors for falls? E.g. cognitive impairment, poly pharmacy or vision impairment

#### If NO go to Ageing Well

If YES ask:

Do any of the following apply to the older person?

- 2 or more falls in the last 12 months?
- Single fall and presented for medical attention?
- Cannot perform, or has difficulty performing the Timed Up & Go Test and/or the turn 180 test?

### If NO go to Ageing Well If YES go to MULTI-FACTORIAL ASSESSMENT

## RESPONDING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE FALLEN

(EMAS/FRS/GP/WARDEN/CARELINK)

TREAT and LEAVE:
- Go to

Go to'Identify those at risk'

TREAT and DISCHARGE

– Go to

'Identify those at risk'

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL / A&E



ADMISSION



INPATIENT INCLUDING
ORTHOPAEDIC GERIATRICIAN
REHABILITATION

Refer to CRT via CAP 01332 564 900 + Falls Hazard Check

• Vision Assessment

Refer to optician and vision checklist

**Home Environment Assessment and Modification** 

If non-housebound refer to out patient physio

01246 565 050. If housebound refer to CAP 01332 564 900.

communityaccesspoint@nhs.net For Falls Group refer

**MULTI-FACTORIAL ASSESSMENT** 

**Strength and Balance Exercises** 

- Medicines Review
   Refer to GP and medicines review
- Bone Health Assessment Refer to GP and FRAX tool

to CAP 01332 564 900

- If clinically appropriate consider whether persons needs frailty assessment. EG CGA
- If cause of fall(s) remain unknown or are due to complex frailty refer to outpatient geriatric led clinic.

OUTPATIENT
GERIATRICIAN LED CLINIC

**SELF MANAGEMENT** 

LOCALITY BASED ASSESSMENT AND REHABILITATION
PROMOTE SELF MANAGEMENT WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPORT IF NEEDED