



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Hoarding and Fire Safety

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Barking – January 2012

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar displays the URL: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-16427848>. The page content is from BBC News, dated 5 January 2012, last updated at 17:41. The main headline is "Woman dies in fire at council high rise in Barking". The sub-headline reads: "A woman has died in a fire at a flat in Barking, east London." The article text states: "London Fire Brigade said six fire engines had been sent to the fire on the fifth floor of a 15-storey council block at 08:24 GMT. About 20 people were evacuated from Lexham House on King Edward's Road and the occupants of three flats have been offered temporary accommodation. The woman was pronounced dead at the scene and the cause of the fire is under investigation. London Fire Brigade said about 30 firefighters had been sent to the fire from Kingsland, East Ham, Plaistow and Barking. The police said the victim was believed to be aged 70 but had not yet been formally identified. The fire, which affected half of the flat, did not spread and was under".

On the right side of the page, there are sections for "Top Stories" and "Features & Analysis". The "Top Stories" section includes a photo of a woman and the headline "MPs call for new gang murder law", along with other headlines like "Costa Concordia salvage to begin", "Consultation over Thames airport", "Sites protest US anti-piracy move", and "Africa drought delay 'cost lives'". The "Features & Analysis" section includes a photo of a light fixture and the headline "Dominating dazzle" with the sub-headline "Should 500W 'rottweiler' security lights be banned?", and another headline "Flying high" with the sub-headline "First movie to win best picture Oscar returns to the big screen".

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications: Start, Inbox - Microsoft Outlook, (H:) Lumbs on 'london.fir..., Microsoft PowerPoint - [...], and BBC News - Woman di... The system tray shows the time as 09:16.



What is hoarding disorder?



What is the scale of the issue?

Hoarding affects 2 - 5%
of the population ...

... but only 5% of those
with hoarding issues
come to the attention of
statutory agencies.

Fire Safety - why is hoarding a problem?

- Increases likelihood and severity of fire
- Hinders escape of resident in event of fire
- Hinders access/egress of firefighters in event of fire
- Risk to neighbouring properties
- High fuel loading/ extended burning duration
- Water absorption/structural damage

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- **Provide familiarisation to staff on engagement with those displaying hoarding disorder.**
 - Policy – recognising and responding to hoarding
 - Effective communication techniques
 - Managing Risk via Operational Risk Database
- **Sharing best practice with borough commanders on options available.**
- **Develop partnership working to deliver effective interventions to those most vulnerable.**

Clutter Image Rating

Clutter Image Rating Scale: Kitchen

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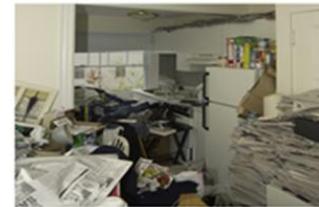
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The National Picture



Keith

Keith's Story



Keith's Story

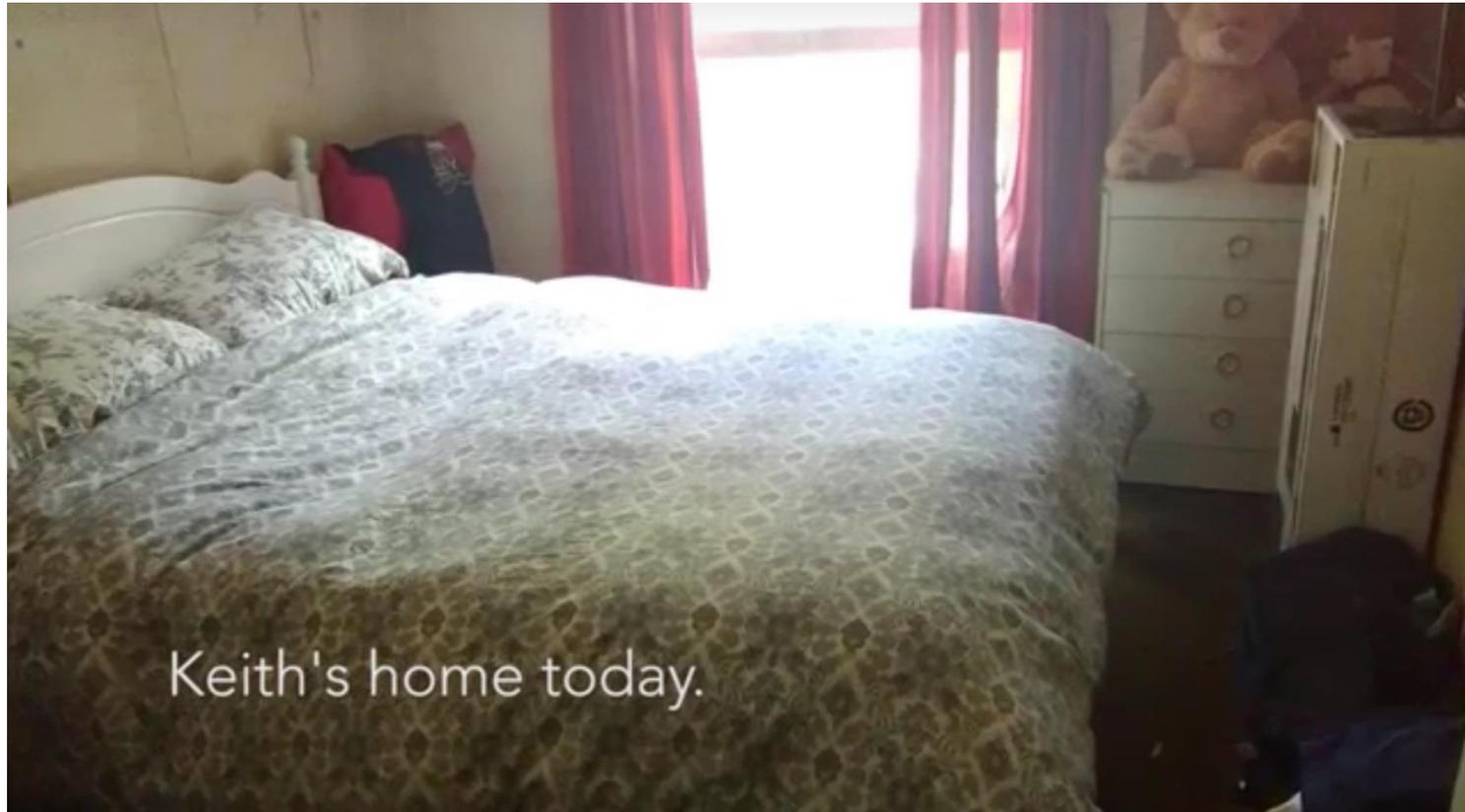


Keith's Story



Keith's home today.

Keith's Story



National Fire Chiefs Council



NFCC

National Fire
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Options on intervention

Immediate

- Refer to local F&RS for Home Fire Safety Visit to lower risk
- Sharing information

Longer Term

- Use of tenancy agreements
- Explore using Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 to influence reduction of fire risk within private dwellings in blocks of flats/sheltered housing

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Questions?