

1 **Cost-effectiveness of England's national 'Safe At Home' scheme for reducing**
2 **hospital admissions for unintentional injury in children aged under 5.**

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32 **Abstract**

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34 **Background**

35 Injuries in children aged under five years most commonly occur in the home and
36 disproportionately affect those living in the most disadvantaged communities. The 'Safe
37 at Home' (SAH) national home safety equipment scheme, which ran in England between
38 2009-2011, has been shown to reduce injury-related hospital admissions, but there is little
39 evidence of cost-effectiveness.

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41 **Materials and methods**

42 Cost-effectiveness analysis from a health and local government perspective. Measures
43 were the incremental cost-effectiveness ratio per hospital admission averted (ICER) and
44 cost-offset ratio (COR), comparing SAH expenditure to savings in admission expenditure.
45 The study period was split into three periods: T1 (years 0-2, implementation); T2 (years
46 3-4); and T3 (years 5-6). Analyses were conducted for T2 vs T1 and T3 vs T1.

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48 **Results**

49 Total cost of SAH was £9,518,066 GBP. 202,223 hospital admissions in the children
50 occurred during T1-3, costing £3,320,000. Comparing T3 to T1 SAH reduced admission
51 expenditure by £924 per month per local authority and monthly admission rates by 0.5
52 per local authority per month compared with control areas. ICER per admission averted
53 was £4,209 for T3 vs T1, with a COR of £0.29, suggesting that 29p was returned in savings
54 on admission expenditure for every pound spent on SAH.

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56 **Conclusion**

57 SAH was effective at reducing hospital admissions due to injury and did result in some
58 cost-recovery when taking into admissions only. Further analysis of its cost-effectiveness,
59 including emergency healthcare, primary care attendances, and wider societal costs, is
60 likely to improve the return on investment further.

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62 **What is already known on this topic:**

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64 Annually in England, 370,000 emergency department attendances, 40,000 hospital
65 admissions, and 55 deaths are associated with injuries among children aged under 5.
66 These most commonly occur in the home and disproportionately affect those living in the
67 most disadvantaged communities. Between 2009-2011, a national home safety equipment
68 scheme was run which reduced injury-related hospital admissions.

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71 **What this study adds:**

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73 This study demonstrates that the national home safety equipment scheme reduced
74 admission expenditure by £924 per month per local authority, however the costs to run
75 the scheme meant that only a small amount invested was returned in cost-savings
76 associated with admission expenditure.

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79 **How this study might affect research, practice or policy:**

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81 The national home safety equipment scheme reduced hospital admissions, and is likely to
82 have reduced other attendances at emergency departments, primary care, and walk-in
83 centres. Our estimates of cost-effectiveness are conservative, and the gains associated
84 with the scheme are likely to be greater.

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86 **Introduction**

87 Unintentional injuries result in approximately 370 000 emergency department
88 attendances, 40 000 hospital admissions and 55 deaths amongst children aged under 5
89 annually in England. (1) Most of these injuries occur at home, and most are preventable.
90 (2) Those with a lower socio-economic status carry the burden of these injuries, with a
91 38% higher hospital admission rate for children living in the most deprived compared to
92 the least deprived areas. (1)

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94 The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines on preventing
95 unintentional injuries in the under-15s recommend home safety assessments, the supply
96 and installation of home safety equipment and education and advice for families where
97 children are at greatest injury risk. This includes families with children aged under 5, those
98 living in rented or overcrowded conditions or those living on a low income. (3) These types
99 of home safety interventions have been shown to increase safety equipment possession
100 and use, improve home safety behaviours and reduce injuries. (4-10) Economic
101 evaluations of interventions to promote smoke alarm use (11-14), fire safety practices
102 (15), thermostatic mixer valve use (16), and poison prevention practices (17) have been
103 shown to be cost-effective, but there is little evidence of the cost-effectiveness of home
104 safety interventions aimed at reducing a wide range of injuries. (4)

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106 One such intervention was the Safe At Home (SAH) National Home Safety Equipment
107 Scheme (<https://www.rosipa.com/home-safety/advice/safe-at-home>), delivered between
108 2009 and 2011. The SAH scheme was designed and implemented by the Royal Society for
109 the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) on behalf of the Department for Education. One
110 hundred and thirty local authorities in England participated in the SAH scheme. These local
111 authorities were chosen based on hospital admission rates for injuries in the under 5s that
112 were higher than the national average rate. The SAH scheme provided home safety
113 assessments, advice and supplied and fitted a range of home safety equipment to
114 disadvantaged families with children aged under 5 who were receiving means-tested state
115 financial support. (18) The SAH scheme has previously been shown to significantly reduce
116 hospital admission rates, (5) reaching families with children at increased injury risk (19)
117 with high levels of parent satisfaction, (20) equipment use and other safety behaviours.
118 (19) However, no economic evaluation of the SAH scheme has been conducted to date.
119 The aim of this study was therefore to investigate the cost-effectiveness of the SAH
120 scheme for the prevention of hospital admissions in England compared to control areas
121 which did not receive the SAH scheme.

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123 **Methods**

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125 *Objectives*

126 The objectives of this study were to:

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- 128 • Estimate the cost of delivering the intervention in SAH local authorities (LAs).
- 129 • Estimate hospital admission rates and associated expenditure in SAH and control
130 LAs while SAH was implemented.
- 131 • Estimate differences between hospital admissions and associated expenditure in
132 both areas over a four-year follow-up period.
- 133 • Estimate the cost-effectiveness of the SAH scheme.

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135 *Population*

136 Children aged under 5 years old living in England (intervention and control LAs) and Wales
137 (control LAs only) between 1st April 2009 and 31st March 2015.

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139 *Intervention*

140 Delivered between 01/04/2009 and 31/03/2011, the SAH scheme provided home safety
141 equipment and advice to disadvantaged families with children aged under 5 who were
142 receiving means-tested state financial support in 130 LAs in England. (5, 18) Data were

143 reported at the Lower-layer Super Output Area (LSOA) level, a geographical areas of
144 1,000-1,500 population within LA boundaries. (24) LSOAs within English LAs that
145 implemented SAH were identified as intervention LSOAs, however this was only possible
146 for 121 LAs.

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148 Over 66,000 families received safety equipment, and 282,000 families received
149 information alone. The scheme included training for staff, home risk assessments, advice
150 and education for parents and free provision and installation of safety equipment including
151 safety gates, fireguards, window restrictors, non-slip bath/shower mats, kitchen cupboard
152 locks, corner cushions and blind cord shorteners. Participating families could decline
153 recommended equipment. (18)

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155 *Comparator*

156 The comparator was usual care, defined as families with children aged under 5 not residing
157 within LAs participating in the SAH scheme and therefore not receiving SAH scheme advice
158 or equipment. Welsh local authorities, and English local authorities that did not implement
159 SAH were defined as controls. Each intervention LSOA was matched to one control LSOA
160 using 1:1 nearest neighbour matching using a propensity score, details of which we
161 provide elsewhere. (5) 222 LAs were matched as controls, 200 in England and 22 in Wales.

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164 *Outcomes*

165 The effectiveness of SAH was captured using data on hospital admissions for unintentional
166 injuries, defined as having an admission coded as an unintentional injury which could
167 plausibly occur in the home in children aged 0-4 years. Admissions for intentional injuries,
168 injuries occurring outside the home (e.g. pedestrian injuries), and undetermined /
169 unspecified injuries were excluded.

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171 *Data*

172 Hospital admission data for England was obtained from UK National Health Service (NHS)
173 Digital Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) in Admitted Patient Care (APC) data, and for Wales
174 from the Secure Anonymised Information Linkage (SAIL) Databank in Patient Episode
175 Database for Wales (PEDW) data. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
176 (RoSPA) provided anonymised data on families who received the SAH scheme, while mid-
177 year population estimates for children aged between zero and four years old in England
178 and Wales were obtained from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). All data were stored
179 securely within the SAIL Databank, part of the Secure eResearch Platform (SeRP).

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181 *Study design*

182 We performed a cost-effectiveness analysis from an NHS and local authority perspective,
183 based on data from a controlled interrupted time series study evaluating the impact of the
184 scheme on hospital admission rates. (5) The key criteria for the evaluation can be found
185 in Table 1.

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187 *Patient and Public Involvement*

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189 Two colleagues from RoSPA were involved with the design of the study, costing of the SAH
190 scheme, and interpretation of results.

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192 *Costing the Safe at Home scheme*

193 Unit prices for home safety equipment in 2009/2010 were provided by RoSPA, and were
194 inflated to 2018/2019 prices using the Hospital Pay and Prices Index (HPPI). (21) Unit
195 prices for equipment are given in Appendix 1. Other included costs were installation cost
196 (a flat fee applied when at least one piece of equipment was fitted), provision of home
197 safety advice, equipment storage and delivery, staff salary, and staff training. The SAH
198 intervention was intended to be delivered between 1/4/2009 and 31/3/2011. Any

199 installation dates reported before or after these dates were assumed to be installed on the
200 first/last date respectively.

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202 *Costing hospital admissions*

203 Hospital admission injury and treatment codes were grouped into the relevant Health
204 Resource Groups (HRGs), which are standard groupings of ICD-10 diagnoses and OPCS
205 procedures that have similar resource implications for the NHS, taking into account length
206 of stay. HRG codes were grouped by fiscal year, then mapped to the relevant NHS
207 Reference Costs for England. (22, 23) Where a specific HRG was not identified, the average
208 cost across all HRGs for that particular year was applied, as recommended by the NHS
209 Reference Cost Team. (23) All healthcare expenditure was then inflated to 2018/2019
210 prices using the Hospital Pay and Prices Index (HPPI). (21)

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212 *Analytical strategy*

213 Data were aggregated to LA level to be representative for decision makers. Expenditure
214 on admissions and the SAH intervention were estimated at the LA level, while for
215 admission rates, we defined a 'typical' LA as having 10,078 children aged 0-4 years based
216 on an estimated 3,507,201 children aged 0-4 years across 348 LAs in England and Wales
217 in 2011. (25, 26) All monthly admission rates and monthly healthcare expenditure were
218 split into the three time periods: T1 (implementation, 1/4/2009 to 31/3/2011), T2 (first
219 follow-up, 1/4/2011 to 31/3/2013), and T3 (second follow-up, 1/4/2013 to 31/3/2015).
220 T1 represents the two year implementation period when families could access the SAH
221 scheme, and this was used as the comparison time period for the analysis. All monthly
222 SAH scheme costs were attributed to this time-period. The four years of follow-up was
223 split into two periods as some items of equipment (e.g. stairgates) are recommended for
224 use in children up to two years of age, while the other items of equipment supplied by
225 SAH may be required for longer periods.

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227 For each LA, we estimated the monthly average admission rates, hospital admission
228 expenditure, and scheme costs (intervention LAs only). We did this for each of the pre-
229 defined time periods and for all intervention and control LAs, separately. We examined
230 differences in hospital expenditure and admission rates separately for intervention and
231 control LAs by subtracting values for follow-up time periods (T2 and T3) from values for
232 the implementation period (T1). Values for differences in hospital expenditure and
233 admission rates for intervention LAs were then subtracted from control LAs.

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235 We calculated the incremental cost-effectiveness ratio (ICER) per hospital admission
236 averted at either T2 or T3, relative to implementation at T1 and the cost-offset ratio (COR),
237 which measured scheme expenditure compared with changes in hospital admission
238 expenditure at either T2 or T3 compared with T1.

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240 *Sub-group and sensitivity analyses*

241 Sub-group analyses were performed by stratifying by socio-economic deprivation tertiles
242 using 2001 Townsend Scores. (27) We also conducted a probabilistic sensitivity analysis,
243 details of which can be found in Table 1.

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245 *Secondary analyses*

246 In line with other studies, we conducted a secondary analysis using a more restrictive code
247 list for hospital admissions which included only injuries which could have been plausibly
248 prevented by the SAH scheme equipment. (5, 6, 28, 29) The code list can be found
249 elsewhere.(30) Cord winders were excluded in this analysis because we did not identify
250 any recorded injuries which could have been prevented, and the costs associated with
251 these were removed.

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253 **Results**

254 Data from 65,970 families that took part in SAH were included in the costing analysis, with
255 a total cost of implementing SAH of £9,518,066 (Appendix A2). 98.5% of hospital

256 admissions were mapped to an appropriate HRG, otherwise an average cost was applied
257 (Appendix A3). The total number of hospital admissions reported in the six-year study
258 period across all LAs was 202,223 (107,808 in intervention LAs, 94,415 in control LAs), at
259 a total cost of £62,104,032 (£31,322,637 in intervention LAs, £30,781,395 in control LAs).

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261 The SAH scheme was associated with a reduction in hospital admission expenditure and
262 hospital admission rates within intervention LAs compared with control LAs (basecase
263 analysis, Table 2). For T2 vs T1, a £490 reduction in admission expenditure per LA per
264 month and a 0.4 reduction in admissions per LA per month was observed between
265 intervention and control areas, which increased to a £924 reduction in admission
266 expenditure per LA per month and a 0.5 reduction in admissions per LA per month for T3
267 vs T1. The cost of delivering SAH was greater than hospital expenditure reductions for
268 both T2 vs T1 and T3 vs T1. The ICER per admission averted was £6,862 for T2 vs T1,
269 decreasing to £4,209 for T3 vs T1. CORs were £0.15 for T2 vs T1 and £0.29 for T3 vs T1,
270 suggesting that for every pound spent on the SAH scheme, 15p and 29p respectively was
271 returned in hospital admissions savings.

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273 The probabilistic sensitivity analysis (Appendix A4) found that reductions in hospital
274 admissions and associated expenditure were significant (i.e. 95% CIs did not cross zero),
275 but the 95% CIs for the ICERs were wide, suggesting sizeable decision uncertainty. Cost-
276 effectiveness acceptability curves suggested there was a 90% chance at T1 and 98%
277 chance at T2 that SAH was cost-effective if a LA was willing to spend £20,000 to avert a
278 hospital admission (see Figure 1). Scatterplots suggested that in most cases the SAH
279 scheme led to a reduction in hospital admissions, although there were some scenarios
280 where it was estimated to have no effect (see Appendix 5).

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282 *Sub-group analyses*
283 SAH was a targeted scheme, therefore most of the costs were seen in the most socio-
284 economically deprived LAs (Table 2), but these LAs also had the largest reductions in
285 hospital admissions. The scheme cost remained greater than any reductions in
286 expenditure. ICERs per admission averted in the basecase analysis for the most deprived
287 tertile were £17,086 (COR £0.12) for T2 vs T1, and £4,869 (COR £0.06) for T3 vs T1.
288 Although the probabilistic sensitivity analysis findings were similar, 95% CIs were wider
289 such that only in T3 vs T1 for the most deprived tertile was there evidence of a reduction
290 in admissions.

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292 *Secondary analysis – equipment preventable injuries*
293 Findings were similar to the main analysis with the SAH scheme leading to reductions in
294 hospital admissions and expenditure (see Table 3 and Appendices 6 to 8). The main
295 difference in the secondary versus primary analyses was that reductions in expenditure /
296 admissions (and hence greater returns) were now found in T2 vs T1 rather than T3 vs T1.
297 When stratifying by socio-economic deprivation, the greatest reductions were observed in
298 high deprivation LAs as in the primary analysis.

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300 **Discussion**
301 The SAH scheme appears to be cost-effective for reducing hospital admissions, although
302 the costs of the intervention are greater than savings in admission expenditure alone. As
303 SAH was a scheme targeted at those with high deprivation, the greatest reduction in
304 admissions was seen in those areas, but with a high intervention cost. Our analysis did
305 not consider other costs such as emergency department attendances, minor injury units,
306 primary care visits, NHS walk-in centres, education or social care so our study is likely to
307 underestimate the benefits of the SAH scheme across the wider health, education and
308 social care sectors.

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310 *Strengths and limitations*
311 This study used routinely collected data to capture the impact of a national home safety
312 assessment and equipment scheme on hospital admissions for injury in a real-world

313 setting. It would be logistically difficult and extremely costly to conduct a sufficiently large
314 randomised controlled trial to evaluate such a scheme using hospital admission as the
315 primary outcome measure. In comparison, we have been able to conduct a robust quasi-
316 experimental controlled evaluation at reduced expense. The data were time-aggregated,
317 the time series design ensured the intervention exposure preceded the outcomes, which
318 reduces the potential for reverse causality. Furthermore, using hospital admissions data
319 and linked data on equipment provision reduced the potential for biases from parental
320 reports of injuries incurred or equipment provided.

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322 We have focused only on hospital admissions and have excluded other types of medically
323 attended injury due to a lack of high-quality data on specific injury mechanisms from
324 emergency department attendances, minor injury units, primary care visits, or NHS walk-
325 in centres across England and Wales. It is likely that the SAH scheme had an impact on
326 such health care utilisation, as previous studies have shown similar interventions reduced
327 physician visits and emergency department attendances. (4, 6, 10, 31) Wider impacts
328 would also include productivity losses associated with parents taking time off work to care
329 for their child and out of pocket costs to parents, for example for travel to hospitals and
330 for over the counter purchases. (32) Hence, our study will have underestimated the
331 potential benefit from the SAH scheme, especially around healthcare cost-savings.
332 Furthermore, policy makers such as NICE focus on direct costs and do not include
333 productivity losses in their decision making. (33)

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335 Healthcare policy decision-making within England and Wales usually requires data on
336 quality adjusted life years, based on the EQ-5D.(33) Presently, EQ-5D is unsuitable for
337 use in children under the age of 5 years. Other paediatric quality of life tools have been
338 used in injured children (34-36), but no mapping to EQ-5D exists. Therefore, it was not
339 possible to collect and incorporate quality of life data into our evaluation.

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341 *In context with the literature*
342 To our knowledge, this is the first economic evaluation of a national home safety
343 equipment scheme using real world data. Previous interventions to reduce unintentional
344 injuries have tended to focus on one type of injury e.g. burns associated with fire (11-15,
345 37), scalds (16, 38), and poisonings. (17) All but one of these interventions were found to
346 be cost-effective. (37) Only two studies have investigated interventions aimed at reducing
347 a wide range of injuries, (4, 39) and the findings from both studies are consistent with
348 ours. An evaluation of the English Sure Start programme which included home safety
349 education, found the intervention significantly reduced hospitalisations for injuries and
350 poisoning in the under-5s, but the financial benefits from reduced hospitalisations for all
351 causes offset approximately 31% of the provision cost of Sure Start. A second study
352 evaluating a Canadian home visiting programme providing safety advice and discount
353 coupons for safety equipment found the intervention decreased hospital expenditure in
354 the intervention areas, but cost more to deliver than it saved (\$372 per injury avoided).
355 (4)

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357 *Implications for policy*
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359 Whilst we were not able to incorporate emergency department utilisation data in our
360 analysis, we can make some estimate of the impact of the SAH scheme on emergency
361 department attendance and its associated cost. It has been estimated that 370,000
362 children aged under-5 attend emergency departments each year in England following
363 unintentional injury. (1) The average cost of an emergency department attendance in
364 2018/2019 was £166 per attendance. (40) Focusing on intervention LAs only (38% of LAs
365 in England), and assuming that the SAH scheme is at least as effective at reducing
366 emergency department attendances as hospital admissions, we would expect an
367 approximate 4% reduction in injury attendances, preventing 5,561 emergency department
368 attendances annually and saving £923,207 per year in England. If this is added to the
369 savings from hospital admissions (£1,364,459 per year), this equates to £2,287,666 per

370 year. The estimated total cost per year for delivering SAH was £4,758,624 for the 121
371 intervention LAs, suggesting a potential return of investment of £0.48 for every pound
372 spent on SAH. This is still likely to be an underestimate of the benefit of the SAH scheme,
373 as further savings may also be realised from other sectors such as primary care, minor
374 injury units, walk-in centres, education and social care.
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376 **Conclusion**

377 Over four years after SAH was implemented, intervention areas experienced reduced
378 hospital admissions and associated expenditure, suggesting that SAH was effective.
379 However, any savings were outweighed by the intervention cost. Further investigation of
380 reductions in other healthcare areas is likely to improve the return on investment further.
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431 **Tables and Figures**

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433 **Figure 1: Cost-effectiveness acceptability curve for Safe at Home intervention for first**
 434 **post implementation and second post implementation periods based upon the**
 435 **probabilistic sensitivity analysis for the primary analysis of all injury**

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437 **Table 1: Key criteria of the economic evaluation**

Decision problems	Is the Safe at Home (SAH) home safety scheme cost-effective for the prevention of hospital admissions in England
Evaluation type	Cost-effectiveness analysis conducted alongside a time series observational study
Population	All children aged zero to four years of age in England and Wales between 1st April 2009 and 31st March 2015
Setting and perspective	Local authorities in England and Wales. NHS and local authority perspective.
Time Horizon	Six Years – Implementation period (T1: Months 1-24), first follow-up period (T2: Months 25-48), second follow-up period (T3: Months 49-72)
Costs	Intervention costs included equipment (see Table A1 in Appendices for unit prices), installation of equipment, storage and delivery of equipment, staff training.
Consequences	Healthcare expenditure per local authority on hospital admissions for unintentional injuries, rate of hospital admissions for unintentional injuries per local authority
Discounting	All costs discounted at 3.5% per annum from 1 st April 2009
Sensitivity analyses	Probabilistic sensitivity analysis (PSA) using bootstrapping with 1,000 repetitions of monthly hospital admission rates, hospital admission expenditure, and monthly scheme costs separately for each time-period for control and intervention LAs. Results of the PSA were plotted as scatterplots and cost-effectiveness acceptability curves per hospital admission averted.

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Table 2: Basecase results for the primary analysis of the SAH scheme (GBP (£), 2018/2019 prices)

	Monthly average scheme cost per LA (£)	Monthly average hospital expenditure per LA (£)		Difference in monthly hospital expenditure per LA (£)		Incremental difference in monthly hospital expenditure per LA (£)	Cost-offset ratio (COR (£))	Monthly average hospital admission rate per LA		Difference in monthly hospital admission rate per LA		Incremental difference in monthly hospital inpatient admission rate per LA	Incremental cost per admission averted (ICER) (£)
		Controls	Interventions	Controls	Interventions			Controls	Interventions	Controls	Interventions		
All areas													
T1	3,224	6,254	13,370					12.009	13.920				
T2		6,427	13,053	173	-317	490	0.15	12.286	13.799	0.278	-0.121	0.399	6,862
T3		6,008	12,200	-245	-1,170	924	0.29	12.156	13.521	0.148	-0.399	0.546	4,209
Low deprivation													
T1	1,322	4,089	9,720					10.638	11.732				
T2		4,135	8,998	46	-722	767	0.58	11.145	11.473	0.507	-0.259	0.766	725
T3		3,817	8,672	-273	-1,047	775	0.59	10.985	11.910	0.347	0.178	0.169	3,235
Medium deprivation													
T1	2,939	4,188	9,997					12.251	13.761				
T2		4,235	9,255	47	-742	789	0.27	12.487	13.802	0.236	0.041	0.195	11,056
T3		3,909	8,920	-279	-1,077	798	0.27	12.366	13.806	0.115	0.046	0.069	30,882
High deprivation													
T1	4,895	6,685	6,729					12.952	15.175				
T2		6,759	6,229	75	-500	574	0.12	13.053	15.023	0.101	-0.152	0.253	17,086
T3		6,239	6,004	-446	-725	279	0.06	12.926	14.201	-0.026	-0.974	0.948	4,869

Table 3: Results for the secondary analysis of the SAH scheme on equipment preventable injuries (GBP (£), 2018/2019 prices)

	Monthly average scheme cost per LA (£)	Monthly average hospital expenditure per LA (£)		Difference in monthly hospital expenditure per LA (£)		<i>Incremental difference in monthly hospital expenditure per LA (£)</i>	<i>Cost-offset ratio (COR (£))</i>	Monthly average hospital admission rate per LA		Difference in monthly hospital admission rate per LA		<i>Incremental difference in monthly hospital admission rate per LA</i>	<i>Incremental cost per admission averted (ICER) (£)</i>
		Controls	Interventions	Controls	Interventions			Controls	Interventions	Controls	Interventions		
All areas													
T1	3,182	1,822	3,712					3.288	3.759				
T2		2,137	3,488	316	-224	539	0.17	3.816	3.671	0.528	-0.088	0.616	4,291
T3		1,871	3,325	49	-387	436	0.14	3.515	3.579	0.227	-0.180	0.407	6,744
Low deprivation													
T1	1,689	1,054	2,892					2.790	3.0528				
T2		1,237	2,685	183	-207	390	0.23	3.404	3.036	0.615	-0.017	0.632	2,056
T3		1,119	2,468	65	-424	489	0.29	3.167	3.163	0.378	0.111	0.267	4,494
Medium deprivation													
T1	2,639	2,092	2,796					3.435	3.724				
T2		2,309	2,618	217	-179	395	0.15	3.879	3.676	0.445	-0.048	0.493	4,553
T3		2,148	2,648	56	-149	205	0.08	3.634	3.682	0.200	-0.042	0.242	10,082
High deprivation													
T1	4,328	2,814	4,962					3.550	4.158				
T2		3,527	4,692	713	-270	983	0.23	4.100	4.007	0.550	-0.152	0.701	4,769
T3		2,822	4,407	7	-555	562	0.13	3.666	3.740	0.116	-0.418	0.533	7,045

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