



Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group



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HEATSAVERS RESEARCH PROJECT

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1. Summary

- 1.1. There is a long established, recognised relationship between cold and damp housing and poor health. An estimated 31,100 excess winter deaths occurred in England and Wales in 2012/13 a 29% increase compared with the previous winter.
- 1.2. In Shropshire there are 19,572 fuel poor households, which makes it 13th worst out of the 152 local authorities in England for fuel poverty.
- 1.3. Shropshire has had 1,740 excess winter deaths between 2002 to 2012, making it 96th out of 152 local authorities for excess winter deaths.
- 1.4. Fuel poverty, is at 21.2% in Shropshire and is 6% higher than the national average. Shropshire, as a large rural county, is faced with a range of particular challenges relating to fuel poverty. This includes an older than average, hard to treat housing stock; high numbers of properties which are off gas grid; large numbers of unique, older properties (heritage houses) and a very large and growing elderly population, many of which live in large, off gas grid properties.
- 1.5. The survey confirmed that Shropshire, as a large rural County, faces exceptional challenges in relation to the age and type of housing, the availability of mains gas and the population profile. The data shows that 27.3% of homes in Shropshire were built before 1919, higher than the national average of 21.7%.
- 1.6. The housing survey highlights a demand of approximately 1,100 vulnerable households that HeatSavers could target to help at a recommended cost of £1,700,000.

2. Recommendations:

1. The Board is asked to consider the content of the attached Heat Savers Report
2. Consideration to be given for the Heatsavers Scheme to form part of the Health and Wellbeing Board's prevention strategy
3. Consideration to be given for the HeatSavers Scheme to form part of the Better Care Fund Transformation Group

No further recommendations.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

N/A

4. Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications associated with the discussion of the Heatsavers Project.

There may be later funding implications for the HeatSavers Project

5. Background

See attached Report on Heat Savers

6. Additional Information

For any additional information see:

1. The Health impacts of cold homes and fuel poverty
2. Good practice healthy homes
3. Cold homes, health, carbon emissions and fuel poverty
4. Excess winter deaths and morbidity and health risks associated with cold homes
5. Excess winter mortality in England 2012
6. LARES study
7. ECO Prospectus - Shropshire - Draft V2- June 19th
8. Home dampness, current allergic diseases, and respiratory infections among young adults
9. Contribution that can be made to Health Outcomes by Regional Housing Policy
10. Housing Strategy For England
11. Indicators of poverty and social exclusion in rural England
12. Good Housing Leads To Good Health
13. Affordable warmth manifesto
14. Housing standards interventions in Derby
15. Local authorities' work to tackle fuel poverty
16. NHS and Liverpool Alliance
17. Healthy Housing survey

18. Shropshire study fuel poverty
19. Social impact of poor housing
20. The real cost of poor housing
21. Care Act Guidance
22. Happy Biomass info
23. HWBB Strategy
24. Marmot Review
25. Report on rural affairs select comities
26. Heat savers Case studies
27. Fuel poverty in London
28. Excess winter deaths
29. Preventing and avoidable tragedy
30. Insulating London homes
31. London housing strategy
32. London health inequalities strategy
33. London climate change and energy strategy
34. No more lagging behind
35. Fuel Poverty Action Guide 2014 11th Edition (March 2014) LoQ
36. Getting the Message Right
37. Walsall Health Through Warmth survey results etc
38. Boiler on Prescription Report - The story so far.
39. CIEH guidance on enforcement
40. 9 Million Renters Policy Report
41. People living in bad housing
42. Fair society healthy lives full report
43. Building the Future Final report

All documents are available as a PDF on request

7. Conclusions

See recommendations above and also conclusions in the attached HeatSavers report

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
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Appendices Heat Savers Report