

Affordable Warmth

For those that need it most

Results

Purpose: Reduce the negative impact of cold, damp homes upon the health and well being of our most vulnerable residents.

3-5 Years

- Improved health and wellbeing -reduced excess winter deaths / hospital admissions (respiratory, cardiovascular and hypothermia), visits to GPs
- Improved housing – reduction in category 1 excess cold hazards.
- Reduced Fuel Poverty of high risk groups

12 month Impact

17K emergency fund Wyre and Fylde 141 interventions including:
repair of heating systems, servicing boilers, distribution of emergency heaters, draught proofing measures for homes, and emergency fuel payments.

Maximising referrals for free loft and cavity wall insulation via CERT.

Current Reality

Working well

- Existing partnerships primed to deliver home energy insulation at volume, across Lancashire.
- Home Improvement Agencies (HIA's) are operating across Lancashire.

Opportunities and areas for improvement

- Referrals are currently not routinely made by social care and health services
- Lack of funds for emergency interventions
- Maximise the uptake of free loft and cavity wall insulation via CERT for the remainder of the scheme (December 2012).

Response & Board Commitment Required

- **Work together to increase referrals including promoting referral awareness sessions to frontline health and social care teams e.g.** community matrons, occupational health, hospital discharge teams, ambulance services, voluntary sector, integrated health teams.
- **Determination of resources** to be used for emergency winter warmth interventions
- **Commissioning services** –to make it easier for providers to prioritise and support referrals