Working in partnership to tackle the health implications of living in Fuel Poverty

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Presentation Outline:

- What?
- Why?
- PHA & Fuel Poverty
- How?
- Who?
Why is the PHA engaged in the Fuel Poverty agenda?

Just look at the four key functions of the PHA:

- health and social wellbeing improvement;
- health protection;
- public health support to commissioning and policy development;
- HSC research and development
How does the PHA get involved in tackling Fuel Poverty?

**Partnership working** - to tackle the underlying causes of poor health and reduce health inequalities

**What do we ‘bring to the table’?**
- Focus on public health and wellbeing
- Health Intelligence (data and research)
- Investments (through commissioning)
Who does the PHA work with on the Fuel Poverty agenda?

Everyone who needs to be involved...

- Local residents & communities
- Community Organisations
- Voluntary Sector Organisations
- Local Government / Councils
- Other statutory/ public sector organisations
- Academics & Universities
- Private Sector Organisations
- Local elected representatives
- Other Government Departments
What is the PHA doing to help tackle Fuel Poverty and its effects on the population of Northern Ireland ???
MARA

- PHA & DARD regional initiative
- Pilot phase SROI £1:£9
- 13 lead organisations
- 12,000 households
- Full evaluation pending - Social Return on Investment Figures, Warms Homes/ levy/ BECs referrals and success rate

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Benefits & Income Maximisation Schemes

- In partnership with advice agencies
- Increased household income to cover fuel, food, and living expenses
- Reduced levels of stress and anxiety as a result of increased income and debt management for households
Direct work with NEA

- Northern Exposure – energy efficiency measures/ heating systems referrals/ community awareness raising events
- Training for frontline health and social care staff / Respiratory Referral Scheme Pilot
- Locality Approaches
  - Whiterock/ Westrock Pilot
  - Mount Vernon CLARE Project
Working with others to ‘ensure a decent standard of living’

Keep Warm Keep Well Scheme

Packs distributed to older and vulnerable people and young children with health conditions exacerbated by cold weather conditions

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Fuel Poverty is just one aspect of the wider Poverty agenda for the Public Health Agency ...

- Food Poverty ï Fareshare
- Financial and Income Poverty
- Homelessness & support for people who are sleeping rough
- Community development support
Food Poverty:

- SROI 1:8
- 86 tonnes of food waste redistributed
- More than 203,000 hot meals served
- 360 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions prevented

FareShare Island of Ireland community food network

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Homelessness:

Somalian homeless refugee families participating in social inclusion project through medium of arts with Artsekta / link to Extern & NIHE Multi-disciplinary Homeless Support Team

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Community development - direct support

East Belfast Health Framework:
- Healthy hearts and bodies
- Healthy minds
- Healthy neighbourhoods
- Healthy Relationships

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Supporting Sustainable Communities

Meanwhile
Useô
Transform derelict land into thriving community gardens & allotments

Groundwork
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