

Session 3

Future-proofing our health and homes

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Session 3: Aims

- Understand the key concerns of the sectors involved
- Share examples of successful working/lessons learned for what works well
- Identify and understand existing levers, tools and resources that can be used to enable joint action
- Share examples of challenges or barriers that have been encountered and develop suggestions for alternative ways of working together/routes to partnership where barriers are in place

1) (Group introductions) To what extent do you feel fuel poverty is recognised as an issue that needs to be addressed at a national and/or local level in its own right?

- **Do you feel it is well recognised/acted upon within your own sector? Is there a difference between recognition compared to action on the ground?**

- Which sectors/actors are recognising the issue and why?
- Which sectors are not recognising it? Why do you think that is?
- From a practical perspective, what might prevent the transition from recognition to action?
- What might enable it? (think about mechanisms/culture/resources at both national and local level)

2) Why do you feel is it important to tackle fuel poverty/cold-related ill health from within your sector? Is there a certain role that you feel your sector should play?

- **In particular, what kind of actions do you think it is appropriate for health and social care, and public health, to carry out in terms of tackling fuel poverty/cold related ill health?**
- What do you currently do to address these issues?
- Is there anything you would like to do but haven't yet been able to/would like to do more of?
- How far have you been working with other sectors like energy/housing/health & social care to date?
- Is there anything further you feel other sectors should be delivering?
- Why would cross-sector partnerships be important to your own aims?
- How do you see your own role, and how does that link with other sectors?

3) How can we use existing resources, tools and levers from sectors such as housing, energy and health & social care to tackle fuel poverty and ill health from cold homes?

- Are there successful examples of action using mechanisms such as:
- Better Care Fund/Disabled Facilities Grants
- ECO flex
- Private Rented Sector regulations
- HECA
- Cold Weather Plan
- Outcomes frameworks like PHOF or QOF
- Other levers or resources?
- Examples of attempting to apply or use the above but encountering barriers?

4) What would successful joint action and partnership working to tackle fuel poverty and cold-related ill health look like for you?

- Who would be involved?
- Who has what role?
- Actions for going forward?
- Examples of current best practice?
- How far is this type of partnership working currently working/what are the barriers?
- How can this be replicated?]

5) Where barriers to joint action are in place, are there alternative ways that health & social care, energy and housing can still work together?

- What common barriers are there?
- What are the outcomes that the various sectors involved would like to achieve (in general)?
- Are there other means by which we could work towards those general outcomes when we encounter barriers to one particular way of working?
- Examples of good practice?



6) Suggestions for future work: what actions can we take at national and local level to continue to take this agenda forward?

3 key discussion points from each group