Northern Exposure
Background

- **Established:** 2006

- **Research:** NEA, Ulster University, Public Health Agency (2013) publish; Alleviating Fuel Poverty in North and West Belfast, Northern Ireland.


- **Warmth at Home** (2015) Belfast Breathing Better Respiratory Team in Belfast Health and Social Care trust. Working with the Consultant Nurse, Belfast Strategic Partnership and Belfast Trust Health Improvement Team

- **Engagement** Northern Exposure reaches circa 2,000 householders each year via referrals, community talks and stakeholder engagement.
Northern Exposure Programme

**Referral Source**
- BHSCT Respiratory Nursing Teams
- Connected Community Care Coordinators
- Self*

**Agency Support**
- Age NI
- Advice NI - Financial Solutions Manager
- British Red Cross
- Floating Support Service
- Bryson

**Home Assessment**
- Action for Warm Homes

**Thermal Comfort**
- Winter Warmth Packs
- Affordable Warmth Scheme
- Northern Ireland Sustainable Energy Programme
- Boiler Replacement Scheme
- Immediate Support

**Unidentified Needs**
Avoidable Winter Deaths

It is about reducing the number of avoidable winter deaths in Belfast by taking a multi-agency, partnership approach to:

• Identify people who are vulnerable to the risk factors associated with avoidable winter deaths (i.e. living in cold damp homes, living with a chronic condition, older people)

• Develop and maintain a referral pathway for people who are ‘at risk’, by agreeing to a single point of referral and assessment;

• Ensure people who are ‘at risk’ receive the services and support they need, to reduce risk

• Raise awareness of the risk factors by developing a multi-agency winter communication plan.
Making it work!