



The cost of keeping Warm

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Campaigning for Warm Homes*

NEA – National Energy Action

- Campaigning for Warm Homes
- Aims to eradicate fuel poverty
- Activities include campaigning, research and practical initiatives which demonstrate how to tackle fuel poverty

What is fuel poverty?

“The inability to afford to adequately heat the home”

Brenda Boardman, Oxford University

Fuel poverty occurs when people need to spend more than 10% of disposable income on fuel to achieve adequate levels of warmth in the home

Cold comfort

- Around 20% of the population in Wales- 250,000 households
- 65,000 households with Children
- Between 2004-2006 fuel poverty in Wales has nearly doubled.

Sources: Living in Wales 2007

Children are paying the price

- Increased risk of common ailments like colds and flu
- Exacerbating respiratory infections such as bronchitis; and making them more vulnerable to allergies- links to asthma
- Fuel poverty impacts on general well-being and development
- Fuel poverty imposes difficult choices
- Fuel poverty can exacerbate social isolation

Government action

- Fuel Poverty Commitment for Wales
 - Targets to end fuel poverty
 - 2010 for vulnerable groups
 - 2012 for non vulnerable groups in social housing
 - 2018 for all households
- Home Energy Efficiency Scheme
 - 25% of funding goes to social housing
- Energy efficiency commitment
- Winter fuel payments

More work still to be done!

- We need to ensure key energy efficiency, money saving measures are being taken
- We need to ensure targets for fuel poverty and child poverty are on track
- We need to work together to join up efforts and make sure tackling poverty is prioritised

Thank you for listening!

