

# CosyDevon Central Heating Fund

24<sup>th</sup> February 2016

# Excess Winter Deaths

Cold homes are now a bigger killer than



- Road accidents
- Alcohol abuse
- Drug abuse

[http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171778\\_425192.pdf](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171778_425192.pdf)

# The overall project

- Central Heating Fund – government money to provide gas connections and first time gas central heating to 400 homes across Devon (not Plymouth local authority area)

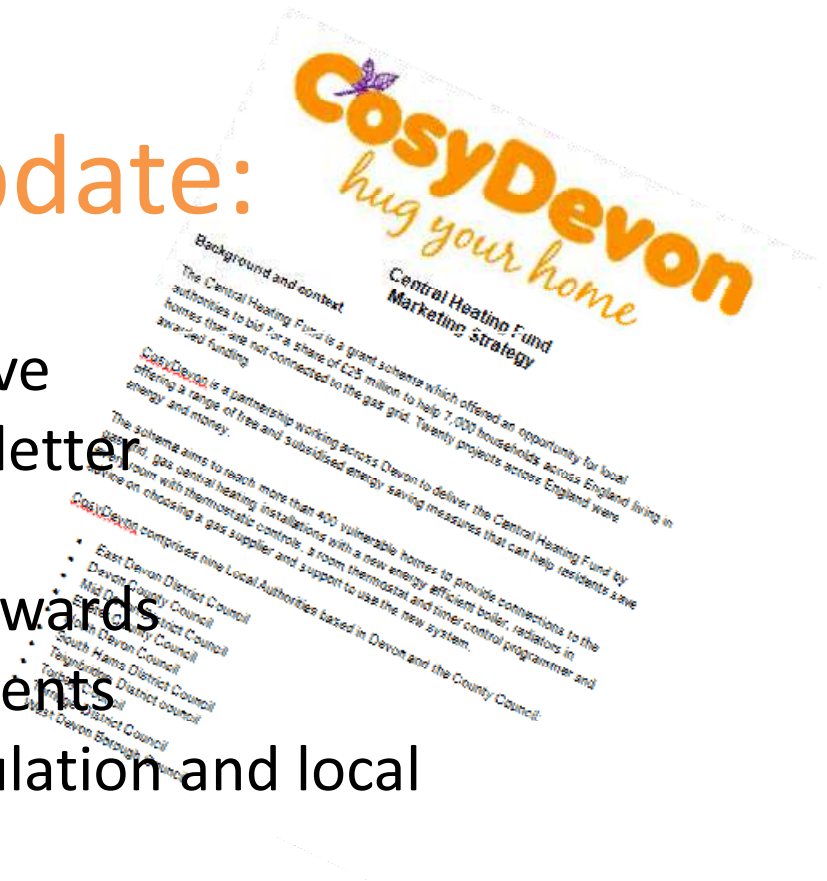




- LA supported E.ON CosyDevon – cavity wall insulation, loft insulation and boiler replacement to households in receipt of particular benefits across Devon
- Solid wall insulation in Torrington, North Devon and Teignbridge

# Progress update:

- Soft launch – December - website live
- 1<sup>st</sup> ,2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> circulation of e-newsletter to community referral partners
- targeted mail out end of January onwards until March with community events
- NEA Focus and NEA newsletter circulation and local publications
- A5 leaflet and A4 Pocket Folder
- Delivery and evaluation processes established
- 100 leads so far
- 3 eligibility confirmed
- Follow up advice for households being designed



## Public Health focus

- Prepare a central tool kit to support health sector practitioners to identify fuel poverty and seek assistance
- Design briefing and awareness sessions for Health Professionals and community groups
- Increase referrals and signposting to the Central Heating Fund and fuel poverty assistance long term
- Provide support with materials and resources

## Current activity

- Working with Devon County Council Community Directory digital team

<http://www.directory.devon.gov.uk/kb5/devon/directory/home.page>

- Establish link between household enquiries and fuel poverty help
- Provide input into the DCC Care and Support self help online tool

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/adultsocialcareandhealth/self-help/find-help-and-support-solutions-for-you/>

# Current Activity continued

- **Arranging briefing sessions**
- **Arranging Energy Awareness training**
- The Fuel Poverty and Health Course is aimed at those wanting to learn more about fuel poverty, its causes and links with physical and mental wellbeing.

- Fuel poverty and its causes
- Fuel poverty and health
- Fuel poverty indicators
- Heat loss within the home
- Condensation dampness
- Energy Company Obligation
- Grants and assistance

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# Actions

Complete Community Directory updates

Complete self help tool

Develop marketing materials

Training to health professionals - promote

Briefings to health professionals

Training and briefings to Community groups

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