

HousingNorthwest

HOUSING & HEALTH WORKSHOP

What are the health benefits of private sector decency? How do we measure these benefits?

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HOW DO YOU MEASURE IMPACT OF HOUSING INITIATIVES ON HEALTH?

- Stock condition for area to identify worse areas – e.g. heating
- Areas of deprivation
- HIA – Process planning
- Demographics
- Long term warm front study
- Feedback from people and observed impacts
- Hospital admissions
- GP referrals
- Outputs – number of grants, number of decent homes
- Impact on other services
- Health Survey
- Focus Groups & interviews
- Schools

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WHAT IMPACTS ON HEALTH?

- Thermal comfort
- Disrepair – dry rot/damp
- Security
- Adaptations/ regeneration – area improvements
- Overcrowding
- Gas safety – pollution
- Trips/falls – Isolation
- Lighting
- Physiological
- Affordability
- Repairs and warmth
- Anti-social behaviour
- Empty Homes
- Ventilation
- Cold
- Neighbours
- Arrears
- Asthma
- Damp
- Falls & Trips
- Fuel Poverty
- Location and overcrowding
- Insulation
- Lack of public transport
- Poor design

WHAT CAN WE DO TO CHANGE THINGS AND MAKE IT BETTER?

- Decent homes thermal comfort – set 65 SAP rating for solution
- Area renewal outguns smaller services
- Information to public – getting them to take help
- Accreditation of landlords
- Small scale repairs
- Promote Warm Front
- Joint housing and health policy and action plan
- Investment to thermal warmth/energy efficiency
- Handyman scheme – falls prevention
- Promote impact on health services – savings
- Develop community groups – involvement and local accountability with agencies
- Neighbourhood action plans – multi agency
- Train housing officers – refer to others and share information

WHAT HEALTH CAN DO

- Promote warm front – e.g. flu jabs
- Use single assessment process to identify housing issues
- Joined-up campaigns
- All frontline stakeholders with older people – training pack – Knowsley?
- Sharing of information between agencies

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