

SGN Update

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Supporting those in fuel poverty

Fuel poor connections update

- Our overall target for first-time fuel poor gas connections over our current 8-year regulatory period (RIIO-GD1) is **27,497**.
- In January 2018,
 - In Scotland we have achieved **16,090** connections, and with over three years of the RIIO-GD1 period still to run, are on track to exceed our 17,130 target.
 - In southern we have currently installed **5,052** connections, putting us significantly behind target if we are to reach the required total of 10,367 by March 2021.
- In Scotland there is government funding available to pay for the installation of gas central heating. In England, the opposite is true, and there is very little funding available to pay for gas central heating systems in fuel poor homes. Consequently, fewer fuel poor households in southern apply for gas connections.

SGN central heating grant scheme

Recognising that the lack of funding for first-time central heating is the major limiting factor in allowing us to help fuel poor households, we are creating a £10million fund called the **'SGN Central Heating Grant Scheme'**.

- Organisations inc. local authorities will be able to apply for funding to put towards the cost of central heating in fuel poor homes
- We'll contribute up to 50% of the cost,
- Aim to attract the other 50% of funds from sources including social landlord's budgets, energy suppliers' ECO contributions, Affordable Warmth Solutions' Warm Homes Fund, private landlords and property owners, public health, charitable organisations, etc.
- No expectation for the end recipient (i.e. fuel poor residents) to provide any contribution
- We'll work with applicants to identify numbers of eligible households that could benefit, and work with these partner organisations to engage the households.

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As a reminder, households in southern are eligible for Help to Heat if:

- They reside within the 25% most deprived 'IMD' areas, (until the 30th June 2018)
- Are eligible for measures under the Home Heating Cost Reduction Obligation (HHCRO) aspect of the Energy Company Obligation (ECO)
- Are in fuel poverty based on the high cost/low income indicator
- Are eligible under the terms of a local authority's 'Flexible Eligibility Statement'

We would therefore love to hear from local authorities and other ALEO members with whom we could work to connect more fuel poor households onto the gas network.

Supporting those in vulnerable circumstances

Locking cooker valve initiative

The Problem

- Charity Dying to Keep Warm recognised that people living in vulnerable circumstances can face increased gas and fire safety risks at home
- We wanted to find a way for these people to maintain their independence in their own homes while providing reassurance for carers and relatives around gas safety

What can we do?

Our engineers can:

- Fit lockable valves to gas cooker pipework
- Advise on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning and how to prevent it

The solution - Locking cooker valve



Our locking cooker valve can help people living in vulnerable circumstances, such as someone with Alzheimer's or autism, stay gas safe in their own home.

Our free simple safety device will provide reassurance to family, friends and carers.



Locking cooker valve success

- Fitted **over 190** LCV's for customers living in vulnerable circumstances in our network alone
- Initiative now nationwide with all other GDN's offering the service, **over 170** LCV's fitted between them
- Partnerships with a number for Fire and Rescue Services, Housing Associations, Care Organisations and Occupational Therapists
- **Safety Award winner** at The AGSM Gas Safety Awards 2017 and The Lord Cullen Awards 2017
- Attended numerous events to promote the initiative and always very well received.

Any questions?

Thank you

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