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**‘DYING TO BE WARM’
Summit Aims**

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Reduce

- Excess winter deaths increased in 2008/09
- Fuel poverty is continuing to rise
- Cost to NHS Worcestershire of cold related illness from cold and damp homes is £16 million
- poverty and debt
 - the average increase in household income identified by Warm Front benefit checks is £31.07 per week
 - (£1,615.64pa). Between £6b and £10b of entitled benefits and credits go unclaimed each year.

Annual Cost to NHS

	Excess Cold	Stair falls	Level Falls	Damp
West Midlands Health Authority	88,396,800	12,498,900	24,194,200	1,307,100
Worcestershire NHS	11,085,900	1,555,000	3,013,100	168,500
England	859,105,100	121,383,500	235,327,900	12,606,900

Figures from the HHSRS cost calculator

Delivery of other targets

Economic Wellbeing

NI 116 Proportion of children in poverty

Tackling exclusion and promoting equality

NI 141 Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living

NI 142 Number of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living

Local economy

NI 158 % decent council homes

NI 160 Local Authority tenants' satisfaction with landlord services

Environmental sustainability

NI 186 Per capita CO2 emissions in the LA area

NI 187 Tackling fuel poverty – people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating

NI 188 Adapting to climate change

Adult health and wellbeing

NI 119 Self-reported measure of people's overall health and wellbeing

NI 120 All-age all cause mortality rate

NI 121 Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages under 75

NI 134 The number of emergency bed days per head of weighted population

NI 136 People supported to live independently through social services (all ages)

NI 137 Healthy life expectancy at age 65

NI 138 Satisfaction of people over 65 with both home and neighbourhood

NI 139 People over 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support needed to exercise choice and control to live independently

Single Assessment Process (SAP) and Common Assessment Framework (CAF).

The Single Assessment Process (SAP) was introduced in the National Service Framework for Older People (2001), Standard 2: person centred care. SAP aims to make sure older people's needs are assessed thoroughly and accurately, but without procedures being needlessly duplicated by different agencies, and that information is shared appropriately between health and social care agencies.

Delivery of other targets

- Health inequalities: progress and next steps, 2008
- The NHS plan
- Tackling Health Inequalities – A programme for Action
- National Service Framework for Older People
- Department of Health PSA2
- Dept for Communities and Local Government -PSA 7
- Housing Act

Making a difference to residents in Worcestershire

- Warmer homes
- Lower fuel bills
- Improved health outcomes
- Improved neighbourhoods

Mr and Mrs Dunn, who have lived in the same house for 36 years. External insulated cladding has been fitted to the outside of their house and a new boiler has been installed. Mrs Dunn said: “Even though we only had the work done a few weeks ago, we’re already starting to feel the benefit. Our home is definitely much warmer and we don’t have to have the heating on as much as we did previously. It’s also good to know that this is helping us do our bit for the environment too.”



Next Steps

- Workshop sessions today to ensure input from partners so that we can work together to tackle the problem
- Pledge by partners to commit to tackle EWD and FP
- Draft strategy and action plan
- Links to local Affordable Warmth Action Plan to ensure county and local delivery
- Steering group (Home Energy Group) to monitor/report on delivery

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Dying to be Warm A Pledge for Change

This is to certify that

Karen Wright, PH Consultant/Older People, NHS Worcestershire

Has signed the pledge for change and is demonstrating their commitment to the reduction of excess winter deaths and fuel poverty within their community.

In signing this declaration they

Acknowledge

- that the right to affordable warmth is an inequality in our society that is linked to cold, damp homes and low incomes which could exacerbate existing health conditions and lead to excess winter deaths.
- that social economic and environmental benefits will come from combating excess winter deaths, and there is recognition by many sectors of the need for change.


Welcome

- the opportunity to support the development and implementation of national and local excess winter death strategies and plans through improving living conditions and the health of the householders, whilst helping to reduce household bills.
- the opportunity to work in partnerships with other organisations at a regional and local level, to help tackle the issue of excess winter deaths.

By signing this pledge I commit (please tick):


- to raising awareness of excess winter deaths and fuel poverty within our organisation and with our partners.
- to being part of the district affordable warmth action group
- to participate in the county strategic group
- to encourage all sectors of the local community to take the opportunity to steer themselves out of fuel poverty and help reduce the risk of excess winter deaths.
- to liaise with key providers to produce effective solutions to the problem.
- to report back on the work we are doing annually to address the rise in excess winter deaths and fuel poverty.

Signed on behalf of
NHS Worcestershire


Worcestershire

Dr. Richard Harling,
Director of Public Health

Signed by


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Date: 15th April 2010

Summary

- Fuel Poverty reduction improves health
- Fuel Poverty reduction saves money – for householders, NHS, local authorities, social services, social landlords
- People need appropriate insulation, heating and benefit maximisation
- Winter Warmth also helps for climate change

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