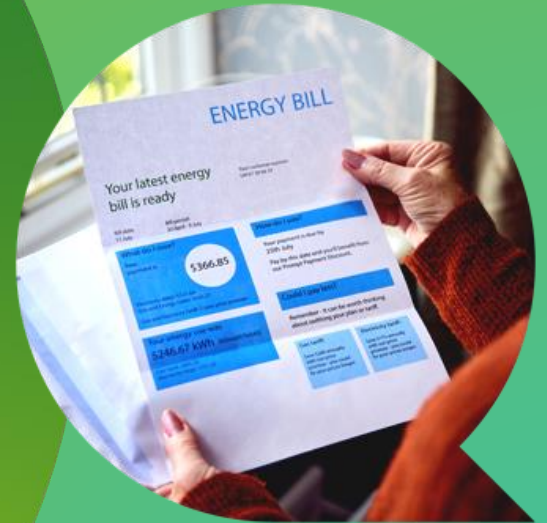


Building trust

Fuel poverty funding gives hope

Duncan McCombie



Has the mission also changed?



Politically the language has changed

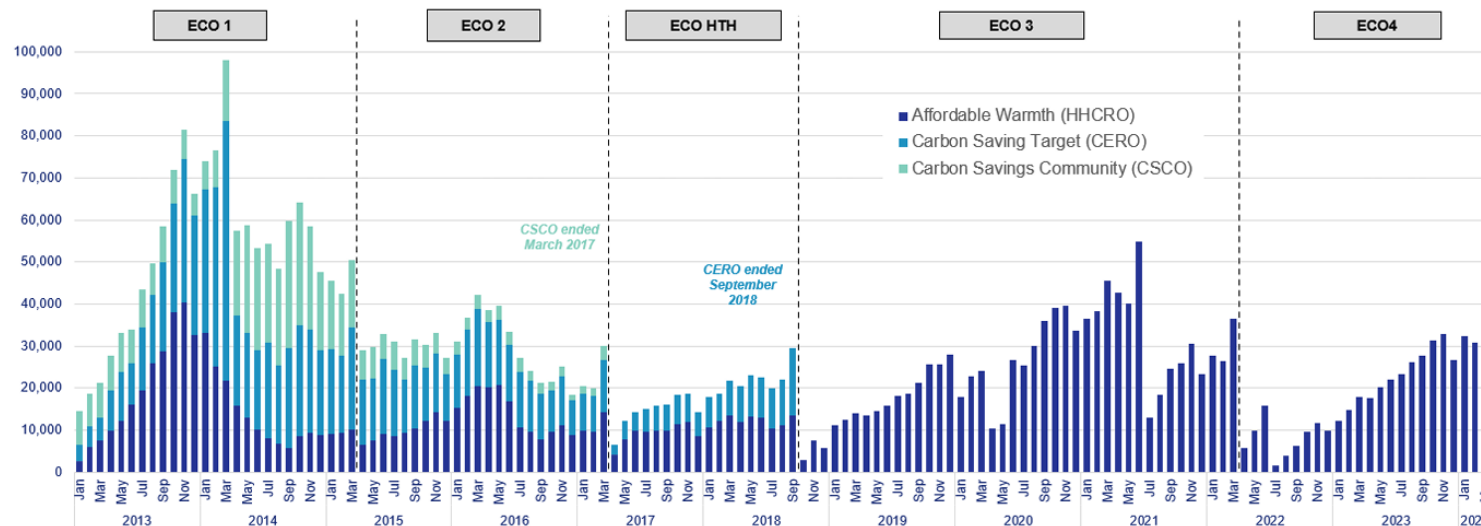
Out with - carbon reduction

In with - cosy home or better homes

What was the mission?

- Heat and Buildings Strategy – Oct 2021 – cutting emissions from UK's 30m homes and workplaces
- Net Zero Strategy: Build Back Greener – Updated Apr 2022
- Energy White paper – Dec 2021
- The Future Homes and Buildings Standards – 2025 deals with future buildings
- Fuel poverty strategy – Sep 2025 – Analysing your feedback

Chart 1: ECO measures installed by obligation, by month, to end quarter 1 2024 (Table 1.1)



Household Energy Efficiency Statistical Release May 2024

Closed consultation

Review of the Fuel Poverty Strategy

From: [Department for Energy Security and Net Zero](#)

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Applies to England

We are analysing your feedback

Visit this page again soon to download the outcome to this public feedback.

Data, numbers, or just people?

1. Average cost of heating a dual fuel home was £1,720 in Jul 2025 [British Gas]
2. 16.5m (up from 8m three years ago) are worried about heating their homes [Citizens Advice]
3. Upgrading all homes to EPC C would save householders an average of £280 per year [UK Govt]
4. Currently 56% of homes are EPC D or worse, 10.6m homes [UK Govt]
5. UK housing stock has significant issues, particularly in England, ranking among the worst in Europe [HBF]
6. More than 14m people in the UK faced the prospect of going hungry last year due to lack of money [Trussell Trust]
7. Electrification - heat pumps to rise from 65,000 (year to Jul 2025) to 600,000 per year by 2028 [UK Govt]
8. 12,000 – 87,000 businesses carrying out domestic EE retrofit work in England [DESNZ May 2025]
9. Around 9.6m UK households live in poorly insulated homes with insufficient income to meet living standards [FoE]

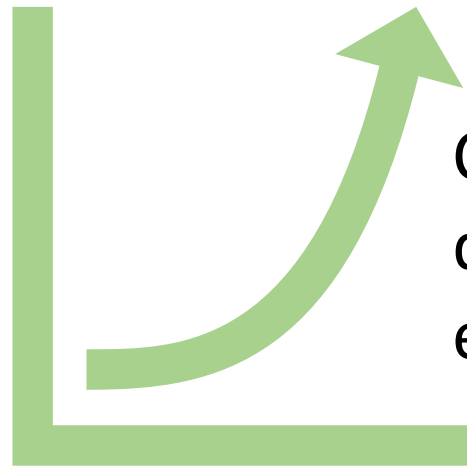
These stats are about people, **voters**, if you want another name for them

What is fuel poverty?



Prevention is better than cure – isn't it?

£1.4 billion annually spent by NHS on treating illnesses associated with living in cold or damp housing



Cold homes cost UK society **£18bn** annually due to healthcare, lost productivity, and environmental harm

People like Katie

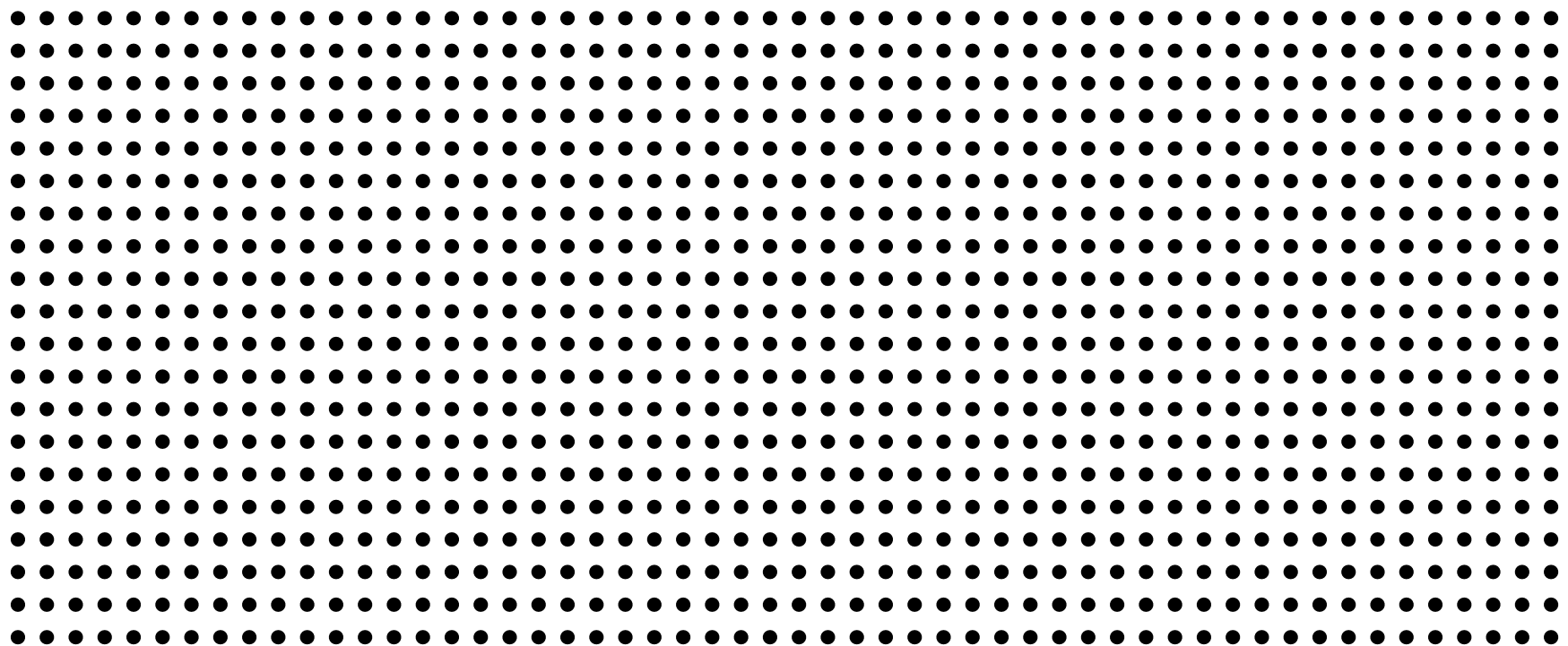
A real-life fuel poverty story

She got help through ECO funding

“ My heating had broken and I said to the kids you better wrap up, this is going to be character building. ”



... and the 15,214 other measures installed



*Each dot = 10 Katies

... and the **additional 21,816** we helped with 'wrap around' advice support

Economic benefits

Household savings

Cavity wall and loft insulation save households around £140 and £40 annually, respectively, over many years.

Reducing fuel poverty

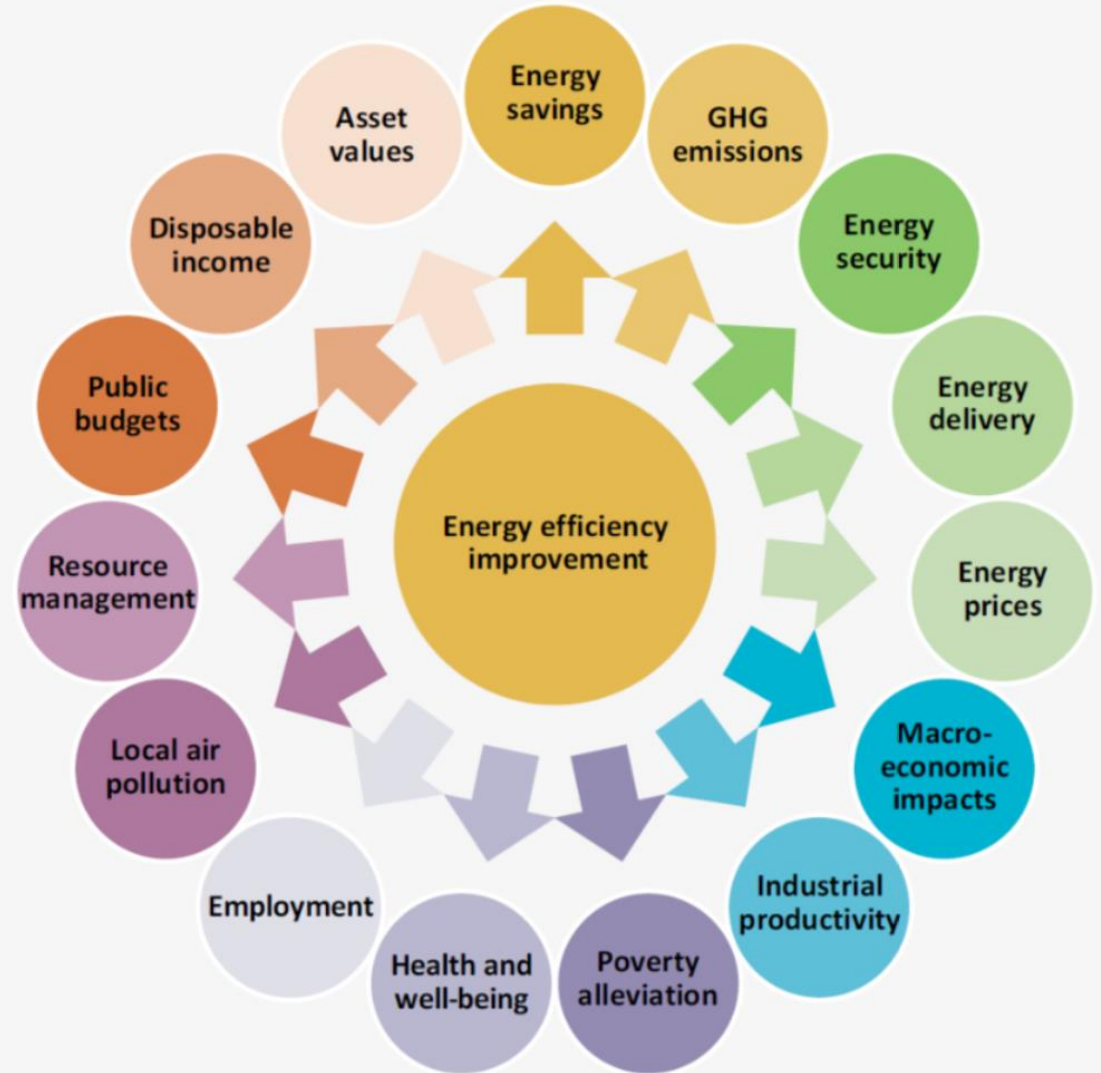
Improved insulation helps reduce the national fuel poverty gap estimated at £1.1 billion.

Broader economic impact

Better insulation reduces healthcare costs, improves productivity, and boosts energy security.

Economic growth

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Health benefits

Mental health effects

Adults in cold homes have double the risk of new mental health problems; children show high anxiety and depression rates.

Physical health concerns

Cold homes contribute to respiratory illnesses, cardiovascular issues, and developmental delays in children.

Benefits of insulation

Insulating homes stabilises indoor temperatures, reduces dampness and improves overall health outcomes.

Disproportionate Impact

The impacts are felt most severely by those already on the lowest incomes, as they spend a greater proportion of their income on essentials and have less financial cushion to absorb price increases.



Case for investment

Investment costs

Upgrading fuel-poor homes to EPC Band C costs about £74.5 billion over ten years in the UK.

Health and economic benefits

Saving the NHS £500m annually and improving supply and demand balances – as well as installing smart meters!

Social impact and quality of life

Improved insulation reduces social care needs and enhances millions' living conditions across the UK.

Policy and climate goals

Insulation is crucial for policymakers to combat fuel poverty and meet climate targets effectively.

Skills, training, employment and growth

Improved installations, supply chain investing in their skills and supporting local and regional employment, giving many in the current and future workforce a job which supports what they feel is right



So what?

Moral and environmental imperative

Insulating homes addresses public health, energy affordability and climate change concerns in the UK.

Benefits of insulation

Insulation reduces energy bills and carbon emissions while improving health outcomes and productivity.

Need for coordinated action

Policymakers, local authorities and energy providers must collaborate to secure funding and enhance delivery.

Building a better society

Prioritising insulation leads to a warmer, healthier and more equitable society for all.

Use your voice to engage and inform

You are only as good as your last job!

Bring solutions not problems

How could you make things better?

Every job counts

YES Energy Solutions CIC

Multi award-winning community interest company (CIC)

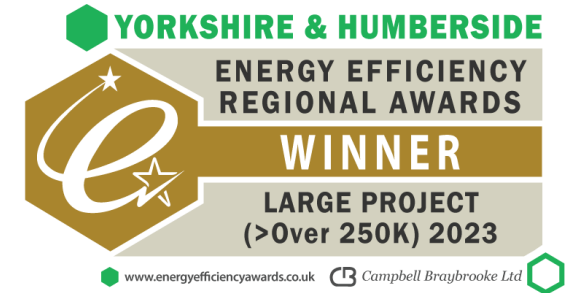
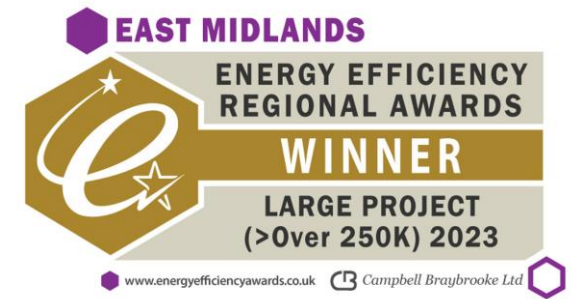
OUR GOAL:

Alleviate fuel poverty,
drive energy efficiency and reduce
CO2 emissions.

We have a community focus:

We apply appropriate profits to the
benefit if the communities we serve.

£1.4m





Cosy homes need -

Consistent funding aligned to deliver appropriate high impact solutions by a competent supply chain



The work you do makes a
huge difference for those
who need us most

Thank you