



Reference: FOI-156

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about the steps North Tyneside Council is taking to comply with the National Institute of Clinical Excellence's (NICE) Guideline NG6 on Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes.

My questions are:

1. What steps is your local authority Health & Wellbeing Board taking to meet Recommendation 1: Develop a strategy
2. What steps is your local authority Health & Wellbeing Board taking to meet Recommendation 2: Identify a point of contact (health and housing referral service) for people living in cold homes.
3. Could you please provide a copy of your local authority Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Response:

1. The Authority does not have a specific strategy in relation to excess winter deaths and illness in relation to cold homes.
Each year North Tyneside considers and implements the cold weather plan for England <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/cold-weather-plan-for-england>
The Authority also has a mechanism to report any concerns about the standard of a home here: [Safe and healthy homes | North Tyneside Council](#)
2. The Authority has a wide-ranging offer to help residents with their housing needs including:
 - financial support (Household Support Fund, Cost of Living Payments and Benefits) <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1652/cost-living-support>
 - Energy advice and support (Energy Grants, Priority Services Register, Warm Welcome Scheme) <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1518/energy-advice>
 - Staying healthy and well <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1441/staying-healthy-home>
3. This information is refused in answer to this request under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means. The reason for this is that this information is published on the North Tyneside website <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/605/joint-strategic-needs-assessment-jsna>

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