

A **c**old home
may be putting
your client's
health at risk...



Better Housing, Better Health

Delivering a single point of contact health & housing referral service

Cold homes cost the NHS in England £1.36 billion every year in hospital and primary care. The National Energy Foundation (NEF) is delivering the **Better Housing, Better Health** scheme in partnership with 11 local authorities and the NHS across Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire to improve health and wellbeing for those living with a cardiovascular disease or respiratory illness. The scheme runs until December 2016.

How we can help

We can offer:

- Grants of up to £2,500 for energy efficiency measures for homeowners with a respiratory illness or cardiovascular disease.
- Free surveys to identify potential risks to health for homeowners and private tenants with a respiratory illness or cardiovascular disease.
- Benefits checks, fuel debt mediation and assistance with switching energy tariff or supplier from two dedicated Citizens Advice caseworkers for homeowners, private tenants or social tenants in need of support.

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Target Groups

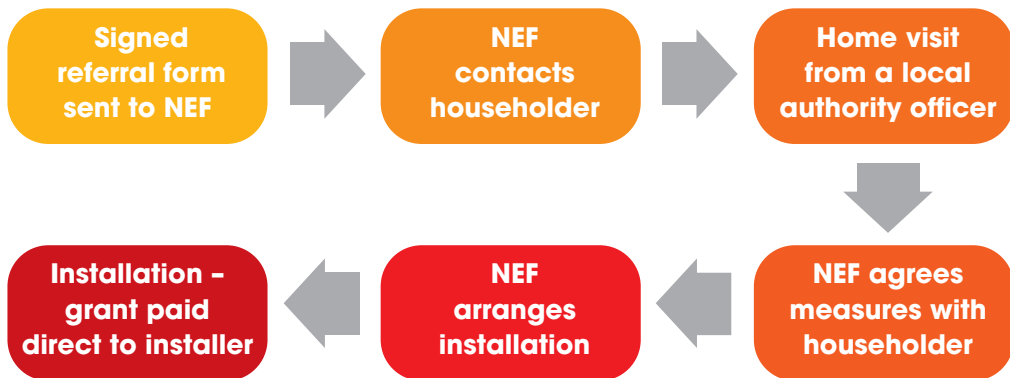
The scheme is only available in Buckinghamshire (excluding Milton Keynes) and Oxfordshire for residents who have a **cardiovascular disease or respiratory illness**. Residents are particularly at risk if they are part of a vulnerable group:

- Over 65s
- Low income households
- Families with children under 5
- People with disabilities
- People with mental health issues

Making Referrals

Referrals must be signed by a **health or social care professional** with access to verified health information about the resident. To make a referral, download a referral form from our website: www.nef.org.uk/bhbh

The process for eligible homeowners to receive energy efficiency measures through the Better Housing, Better Health grant is as follows:



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