

Energy-efficient & sustainable buildings: insights and lessons from the National Energy Foundation

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NEF – improving the use of energy in new and existing buildings

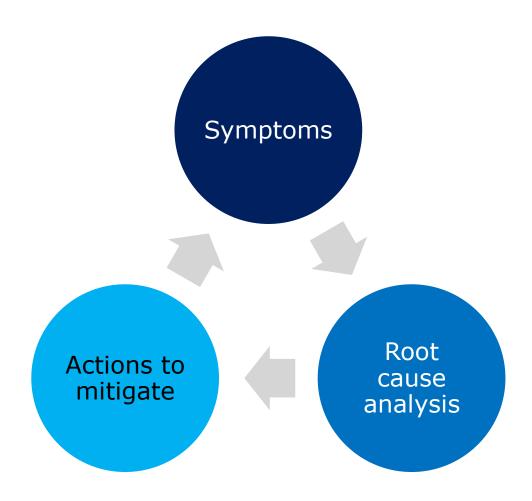
Making better buildings

- Procurement
- Delivery and verification

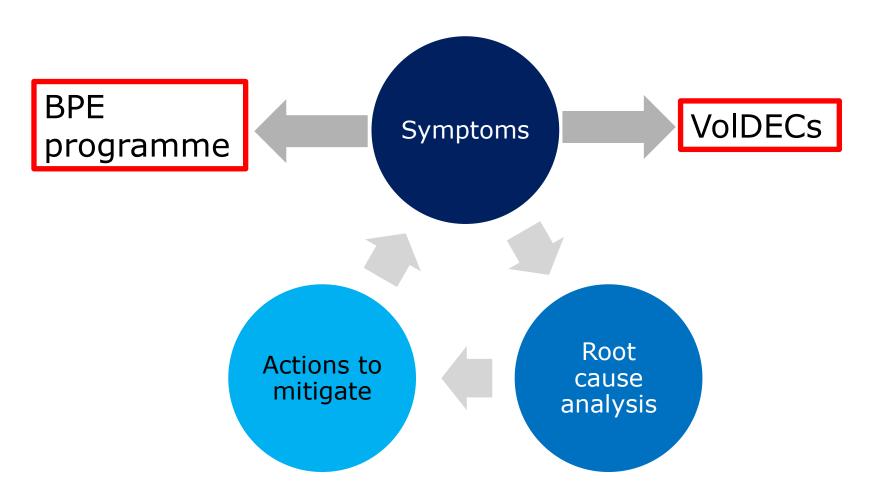
- Management existing buildings
- Retrofit and refurbishment

Making buildings better











Innovate UK- Building Performance Evaluation Programme

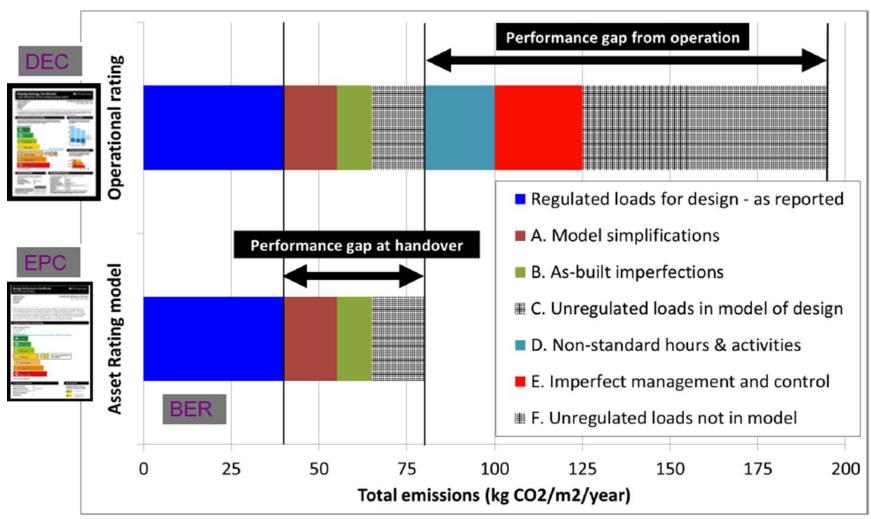


2010 - 2014

- Over 100 new build projects + 3 refurb
- 49 non-domestic studies, 56 buildings
- 366 dwellings (developments 3989 dwellings)
- Completion and early occupation / in-use
- Energy use typically 2.5- 4.5 times predicted

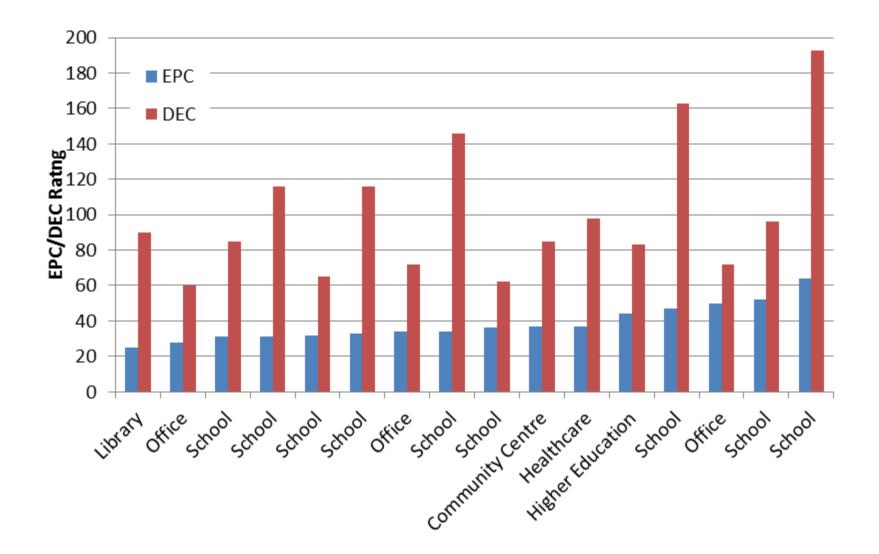


Composition of the Performance Gap



Source: Robert Cohen, Verco, paper for GCB, March 2012.







Emerging themes 1– courtesy Innovate UK

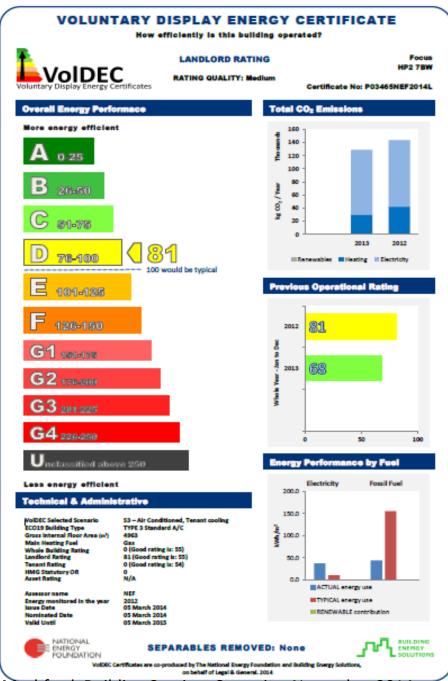
- Fabric thermal performance specification and construction; overheating; risky design details; thermal bridge and bypass; air tightness
- Modelling discrepancies non-standard hours and unregulated loads (TM22)
- Commissioning buildings not fully commissioned
- Sub-meters and reconciliation poor metering tree;
 meters not functioning or understood



Emerging themes 2– courtesy Innovate UK

- BMS –complexity; functionality; commissioning; training
- Controls complexity; operating instructions; labelling
- Lighting too much; zoning deficiencies; poor control
- HVAC integration and control of multiple systems
- Renewables and MVHR installation; operation and maintenance
- Energy strategy not properly implemented, e.g. lead and secondary heating





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VolDEC - Method and benchmarks

	Statutory DEC	VolDEC
Methodology	Produced using the methodology described in CIBSE TM47	Produced using the methodology described in CIBSE TM47
Benchmarks	Uses CIBSE TM46 benchmarks. This provides only one benchmark for all office types.	Uses CIBSE ECON19 benchmarks for offices. This provides four different office types plus energy is broken down by end use for each type.
Landlord / tenant split	Unable to provide a separate landlord tenant DEC in the same building	Uses the granular energy breakdown in CIBSE ECON19 to provide composite landlord and tenant benchmarks for 5 different building scenarios.



Increase client pull Meter to manage

Match complexity to client/occupant ability

Consider impact on fabric performance

More insights available from BPE studies in 2015





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