

KEEP WARM, STAY WELL

Last year in Hertfordshire during the winter month's 478 people died and many suffered ill health in what were the worst recorded winter weather conditions since 1910.

This year the Department of Health has provided limited funding for local authorities, PCTs and partners from the voluntary and statutory sector to work together to put in place services which target the most vulnerable members of our community to help them keep warm and stay well during the winter months.

Hertfordshire's 'Keep Warm, Stay Well' project brings together many of the key agencies dealing with people in need and deprivation in a way that has never been done before.

The partners include Hertfordshire County Council, NHS Hertfordshire, the 10 District Councils, Hertfordshire Citizen's Advice Bureaux, Age UK Hertfordshire, Groundwork Hertfordshire, West Hertfordshire Against Crime, The Papworth Trust, Hertfordshire Community Meals, HertsHelp and the Hertfordshire Community Foundation Trust.

All Saints have been asked to help the team identify any individuals or families who are at risk and vulnerable because of the cold by referring them to HertsHelp.

These could be people that are currently receiving services from us or people that come to our attention.

HertsHelp are co-ordinating the responses from all the agencies in this project who can provide a range of help that includes financial, practical and supportive measures. On offer to those identified as being at risk are:

Financial Help – Advice on grants, benefits and sources of financial help available that can assist in making homes more energy

efficient, improve the heating that is already in place or give help with paying bills.

Energy Checks – Is your client able to keep their home warm? Is their home properly insulated? Is it draught - proofed? Does the heating work properly?

Staying well – Keeping warm, keeping nourished and keeping active during cold spells is essential. This project is your route to practical help and assistance.

In order to access help from the project team referrals are made using a special Keep Warm, Keep Well Checklist – which can be obtained from Jo.

This document helps the team identify anyone that is at risk and the kind of support we can give them e.g. a keep warm box, benefits advice, emergency draught-proofing or heaters.

Thank you for your help

Any queries, please call 0300 123 4044



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