

Npower reports lack of funding a key barrier to improving energy efficiency of social housing

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More than two thirds (69%) of social housing providers say a lack of funding is the key barrier to improving the energy efficiency of their housing stock, according to research from energy company npower.

The finding was released from a survey of 250 senior decision-makers from social housing providers and released to coincide with npower's attendance at the CIH event in Manchester.

This view is of particular relevance given there is only six months left for social housing providers in Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA) to claim and benefit from Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP) funding, which ends in December 2012. CESP seeks to promote measures which will enable households to make the most substantial savings on energy (<http://www.npower.com/home/index.htm>) consumption and the associated costs and carbon emissions.

Richard Jemmett, Head of Business and Social Housing Energy Services at npower, commented: "Our research has shown there is a clear need among social housing providers to access funding to ensure they can improve the energy efficiency (<http://www.npower.com/home/energy-efficiency/saving-energy/index.htm>) of their housing stock. This is obviously important to save energy and help protect vulnerable tenants at risk from fuel poverty. It is therefore crucial that as many social housing providers as possible take advantage of the funding available through CESP.

"It is also worth noting that we are currently offering free installation of a gas central heating system if properties are switched from electric, coal or oil heating to gas. The 100% funding is available to providers who have a minimum of 30 properties in a LSOA. We would encourage all social housing providers to speak to us now to see how they can benefit from CESP funding before it ends in December."

For more information on npower's Energy Services division, please visit www.npower.com/socialhousing.

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npower offers market-leading energy services for social housing providers and public sector organisations including:

- M&E services including plumbing, heating and electrical installations
- Energy management products and services across the m3 proposition including encompass and Energy Assist
- Renewable energy technology specification and installation including solar PV (<http://www.npower.com/Home/Energy-efficiency/Solar/npower-solar-pv/index.htm>) and micro CHP

npower works with social housing providers and local authorities to improve the living conditions of tenants and help overcome the challenges of fuel poverty

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