

# Warm Homes Scheme:

1 October 2022 - 31 March 2023



## Aim of the scheme

Investment in warm home interventions that improve health and wellbeing, alleviate fuel poverty and reduce the carbon emissions of households.

[rochdale.gov.uk/costofliving](https://rochdale.gov.uk/costofliving)

## The types of interventions that the scheme can help with include:

- Identifying causes of heat loss in the home
- Identifying and tackling damp or mould problems
- Offering useful tips for saving energy and water whilst ensuring your home stays safe and comfortable
- Helping with heating controls (including storage heaters)
- Installing small energy and water efficiency measures, such as draft excluders, LED lightbulbs and radiator foils
- Distributing fuel vouchers for those on pre-paid meters, blankets, and portable heaters.
- Supporting in switching energy providers to save money
- Helping residents apply for the warm home discount or register on priority service registers
- Capping water rates and freezing payments where eligible
- Supporting with metering issues
- Boiler repairs, servicing and replacements
- Damp and roof repairs
- Cavity wall and loft installations
- Arranging onward referrals to external agencies for further support.

The parts of the scheme that involve physical changes to properties, for example, boiler repairs and cavity wall insulations, are only open to owner occupiers and private tenants. In the case of private tenants, the landlord will be worked with to ensure that the necessary works are completed quickly.

## Who is the scheme for?

We are able to help all residents with energy advice and fuel vouchers. However, In order to ensure that the funding is used for those residents who are vulnerable, health eligibility criteria will be used for those parts of the scheme that involve physical changes to the property. Eligible applicants will be those who have, or at the risk of developing, one or more of the following conditions:

- Cardiovascular condition (incl. coronary heart disease, stroke, hypertension, transient ischemic attack)
- Respiratory condition (incl. COPD, asthma) Neurological or neurobiological condition (incl. dementia, Parkinson's disease, MS, epilepsy, fibromyalgia, ME)
- Severe musculoskeletal conditions (incl. arthritis, limited mobility, recently attended hospital due to a fall)
- Blood conditions (incl. Sickle cell disease, thalassemia)
- Cancer
- Moderate to severe mental illness (incl. schizophrenia bipolar disorder and depression where receiving regular treatment)
- Severe learning disabilities
- Autoimmune or immunodeficiency diseases (e.g lupus, diabetes, HIV)
- Terminally ill
- Other illness exacerbated by cold (confirmed by GP)

Partner agencies and residents themselves are able to refer into the scheme  
Referrals can be made on this page:

### [Warm Homes Programme - Rochdale - Groundwork](#)

Any referrals into the scheme that don't meet the health criteria, can still potentially be helped by **Groundwork**, but will be helped through their other funded schemes. You can use the same referral link as above.