

Freedom of Information Request Reference

- 1. Does Northern Health and Social Care Trust have a strategy, policies or procedures in place to address the health consequences for patients of living in cold homes?**
- 2. Does Northern Health and Social Care Trust have procedures or policies in place to ensure health and social care practitioners assess the heating needs of their patients?**
 - a. If so, does the Trust record or audit compliance with these procedures or policies?**
- 3. Does Northern Health and Social Care Trust have procedures or policies in place to ensure that, when a patient is discharged from a health or social care setting, an assessment is carried out into whether they are likely to be vulnerable to the cold and if action is needed to make their home warm enough for them to return to?**
 - a. If so, does the Trust record or audit compliance with these procedures or policies?**

The Northern Health and Social Care Trust do not have any specific policies in relation to assessing the impact of cold homes. The overall living environment would be part of the Social Worker's assessment and if cold was an issue advice would be given accordingly.