

Dear user,

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), formerly known as the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) publish annual estimates of sub-regional fuel poverty, badged as experimental statistics, alongside their National Statistics estimates of fuel poverty. The latest statistics, along with the current methodology, can be found at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fuel-poverty-sub-regional-statistics>

With more available data sources and emerging methodologies, BEIS would like to improve the sub-regional fuel poverty estimates to increase the reliability and robustness of the estimates.

To ensure we are meeting user needs and improving the estimates in the most helpful and beneficial way, we would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

- Do you, or your organisation, use the annual estimates of sub-regional fuel poverty?
- The estimates are published at various geographical levels (Region, County, Local Authority, Parliamentary Constituency and Lower Super Output Area (LSOA)). Which geographical levels are of most value to you? If you use more than one, please could you rank these in order of priority?
- Could you briefly explain how you, or your organisation, uses the estimates (e.g to compare local authority estimates against the national average or to compare estimates over time)?
- Are there any aspects of these statistics you think can be improved?

Grateful if you could forward on to relevant colleagues.

Please send your responses, and any further questions, to the following email address by Friday 13th January 2017:
fuelpoverty@beis.gov.uk

Many thanks,
The Fuel Poverty Statistics Team