

# National Energy Efficiency Data-Framework Stakeholder Event

17 May 2013

#### **NEED Stakeholder Event**

#### Overview



- 10:30 Registration and coffee
- 11:00 Introduction Duncan Millard, DECC Head of Statistics
- 11:30 Domestic NEED overview
- 12:05 Non-domestic NEED overview
- 12:40 Lunch
- 13:15 Anonymised dataset plans
- 13:35 Group discussions on anonymised dataset
- 14:05 Feedback from group discussions
- 14:20 NEED Methods developments
- 14:50 Summary and Close

#### Aim of event



- 1) Provide users with an update on developments since the last event; and
- 2) Ensure users are aware of DECC's plans for NEED and can feed into future priorities.



# An overview of DECC **Statistics Duncan Millard, Head of Statistics**

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#### Overview



"Official statistics are fundamental to good Government, to the delivery of public services and to decision-making in all sectors of society" – Statistics Code of Practice

DECC produce a wide range of statistics covering:

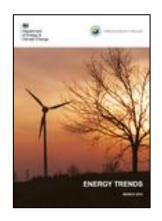
- Energy production/consumption/balances
- Energy Prices
- Renewables
- Emissions
- Energy Efficiency
- Fuel Poverty

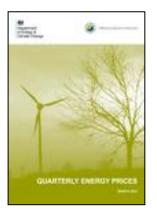
#### **Publications**



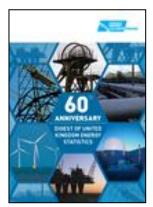
DECC support policy monitoring and evaluation as well as external users through a range of publications. For example:

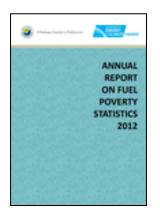
- Weekly FiTs data and motor fuel prices
- Monthly Headline energy production, Green Deal/ECO, RHI and RHPP
- Quarterly Energy Prices and Energy Trends (inc renewables)
- Annual Digest of UK Energy Statistics, Energy Consumption in the UK and Fuel Poverty







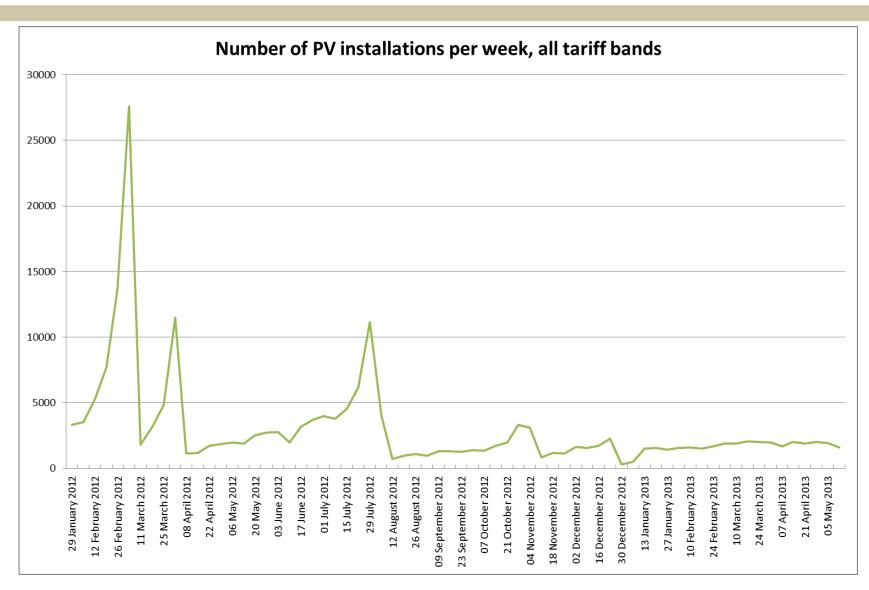






#### Feed-in-Tariffs data

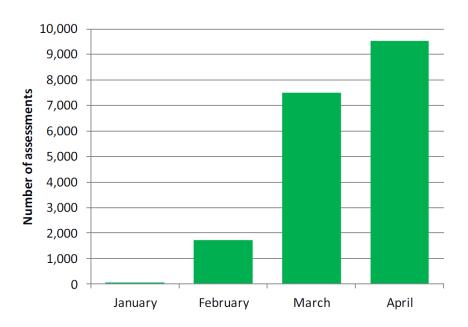




### **Energy Efficiency – Green Deal/ECO stats**



Internal MI reporting – Stats team playing crucial role in feeding live intelligence to policy development, working to develop data collections plans as part of original and on-going policy development, and playing active role in ad-hoc support.

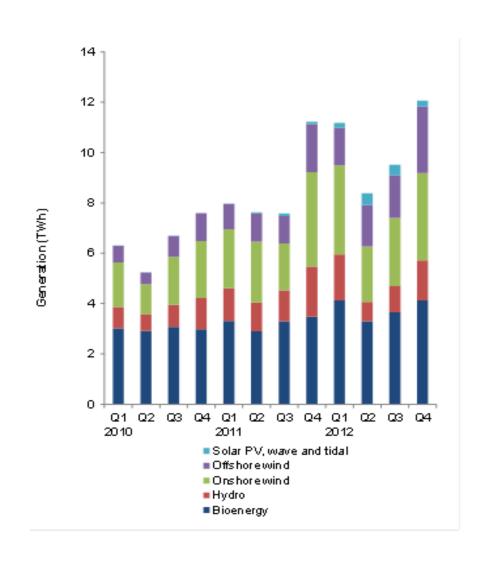


Strong picture of GD assessments being delivered - 18,816 GD Assessments had been lodged to the end of April, up from 9,294 at end of March (with 9,522 in April alone, compared to 7,491 in March and 1,729 in February).

### Quarterly renewable electricity generation

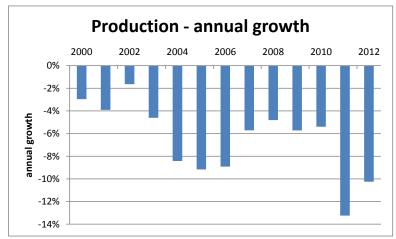


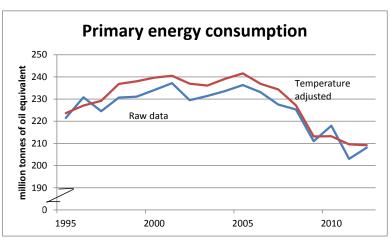
- •Total electricity generated from renewables in 2012 Q4 was up by 7.4 per cent on 2011 Q4, from 11.2 TWh to a record high of 12.1 TWh.
- •Due to much increased capacity, offshore wind generation in 2012 Q4, increased by 38 per cent on a year earlier, from 1.9 TWh to 2.6 TWh.
- Despite increased capacity, electricity generated from onshore wind in 2012 Q4 fell by 7.3 per cent on 2011 Q4, from 3.7 TWh to 3.5 TWh, due to much lower wind speeds (2.7 knots lower) than the high wind speeds of a year earlier.

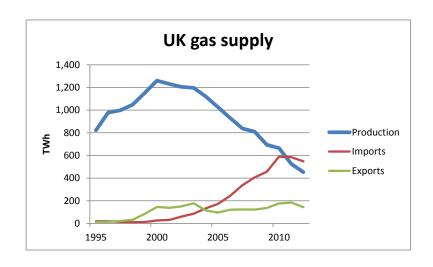


#### Traditional data...







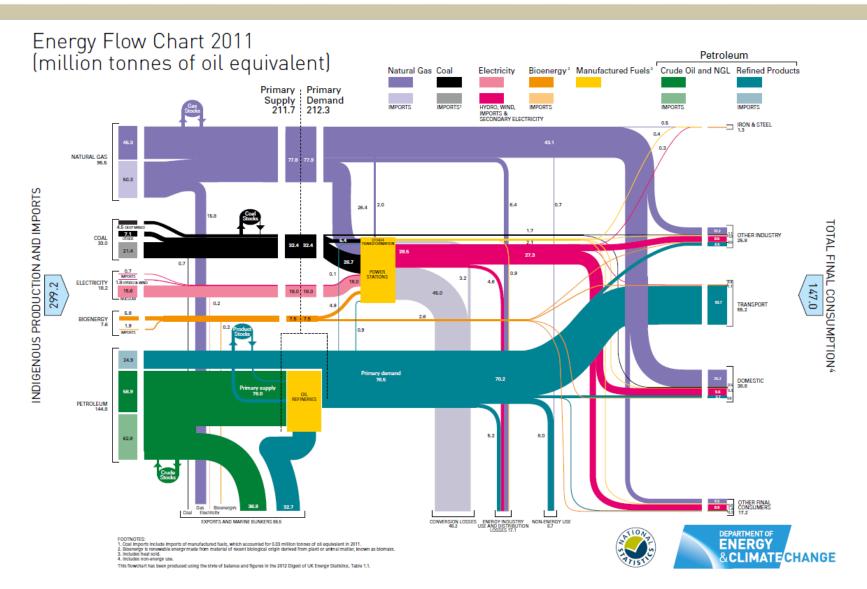


#### Key users

- Departmental energy policy
- Macro measures of energy efficiency
- Energy security of supply
- Source for emissions information
- Input to National Accounts (IOP)
- Energy industries
- International bodies
- ... and general public.

# **Energy Flow Chart**





# **DECC Statistics Policy Support**

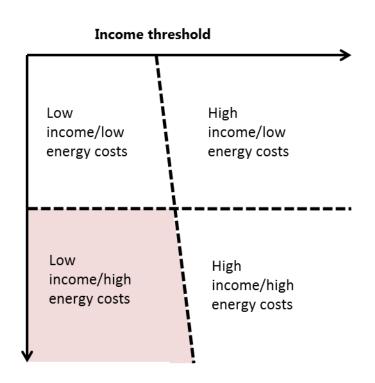


**Fuel Strikes** and other disruptions – the statistics team support policy and industry by providing updates on fuel stocks and predicting likely outcomes from various operational scenarios.

Fuel Poverty – Hills Review

Latest estimates by old and new approach published Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Costs threshold (median required energy costs)

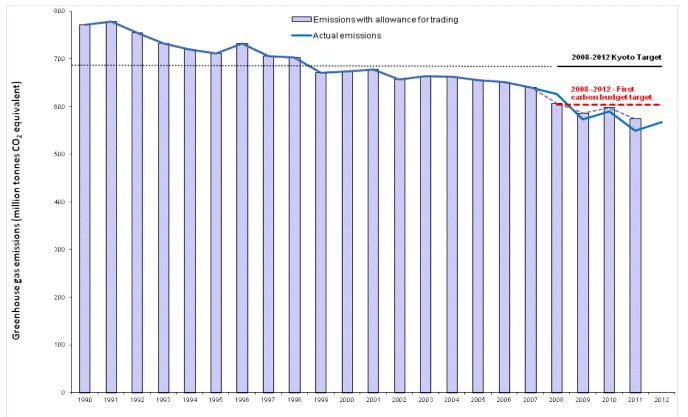


### **Policy support**



Understanding progress against emissions targets e.g for the 5-year period 2008-12

- International target Kyoto Protocol = 12.5% reduction from base year
- Domestic target Carbon Budget = 22% reduction from base year



# DECC Statistics Outputs



# All outputs are available on the DECC website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-energy-climate-change/about/statistics

Also includes a range of tools and presentational formats which compliment the publications.

Underlying data for all outputs is also available on the website in Microsoft Excel and/or CSV files.

# DECC Statistics Sub-national data and tools



Analyse data at low levels of geography – obtained by processing over 55 million pieces of meter-point level gas and electricity consumption; data

published for:

- Local Authorities (LA)
- Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOA)
   /Intermediate Geography Zones
- Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA)

For instance: Warwick LA is split into 15 MSOAs (above) and 88 LSOAs.

Looking at consumption for these breakdowns can help identify small pockets of low and high consuming users.

DECC won a "Royal Statistical Society" innovation & development award for producing this data in 2010.

Also won RSS award in 2012 for work on Fuel Poverty.

#### Sub-national data and tools

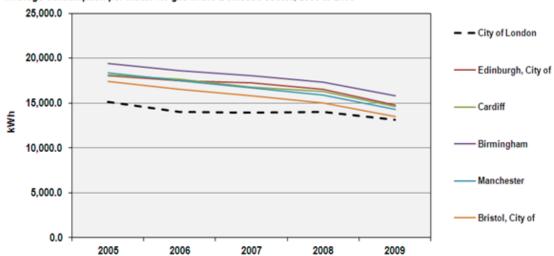


#### Comparisons between local authorities

Select a relevant option from each of the drop down lists below, including up to 6 local authorities to compare.



Chart 2: Average consumption per meter for gas in the Domestic sector, 2005 to 2009

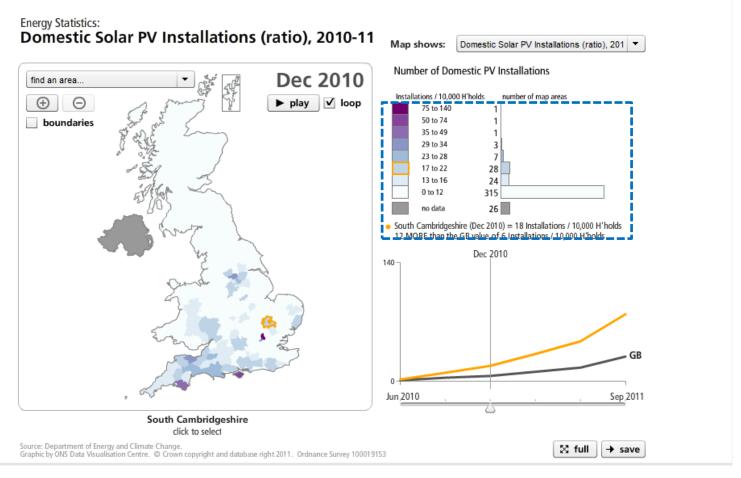


Source: Sub-national energy statistics, DECC

### **Interactive Maps**



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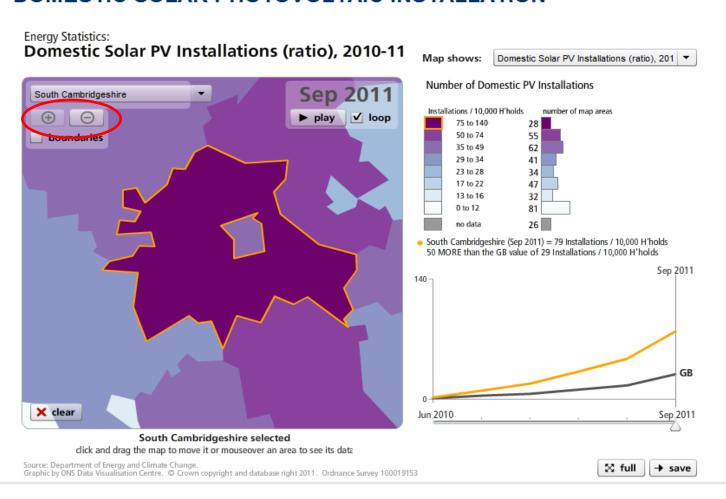


https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-energy-climate-change/series/interactive-maps-trends-in-fuel-poverty-energy-use-and-energy-efficiency-measures

### **Interactive Maps**



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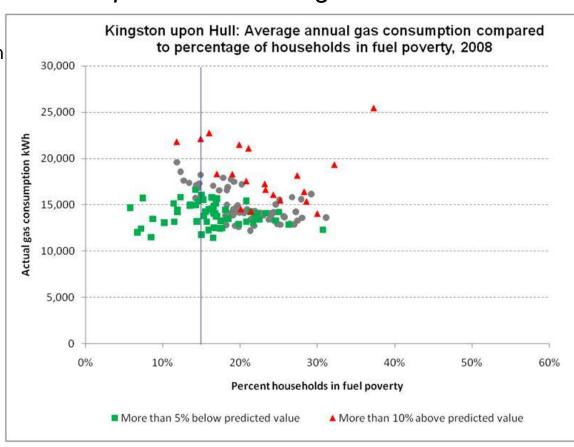
## Helping deliver policy



# **Neighbourhood Statistics Analysis**

Identifying areas with higher than expected domestic gas use

- Produce a statistical model based on published data, which would aid local authorities and energy companies in identifying areas that may be most likely to benefit from energy efficiency investments and thus potentially reduce search costs in indentifying homes.
- •Working with LAs to boost activity in Green Deal.
- •Still testing and looking to improve model.



### Key drivers going forward



- Quality data timely, relevant data produced to good and open methodology that are used and make an impact
- Maintain strong reputation for DECC statistics in UK and Internationally through maintaining and expanding quality data
- Wider users need data that refers to them local data and access to anonymised underlying data
- Proactive use and design of management information data and data linking
- Help delivery
- Data dissemination must adapt with technology



# **Domestic NEED Overview**

**Mary Gregory** 

#### What's covered...



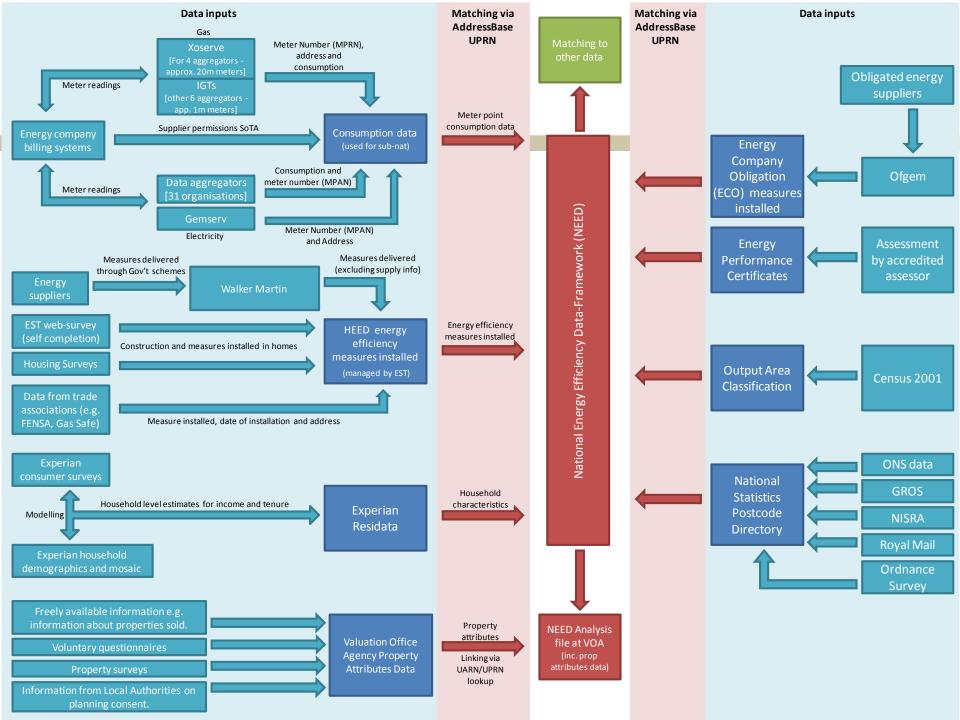
- What is NEED?
- Developments during 2012
- Summary of results
- How outputs have been used to date
- Future plans

#### What is NEED?



NEED is a framework for combining data from existing sources (administrative and commercial) to provide insights into how energy is used and what the impact of energy efficiency measures is, for different types of property and household.

In Scope	Out of Scope				
Domestic and non-domestic properties	Very large consumers e.g. power stations				
Great Britain	Northern Ireland				
Metered gas and electricity	Non-metered fuels e.g. oil, coal				
Energy Efficiency Measures in HEED	DIY measures and others not recorded on HEED				



# Summary of results – published November 2012





#### Structure of report:

Main report

**Annexes** 

Supplementary data tables

#### National Energy Efficiency Data-Framework

Summary of analysis using the National Energy Efficiency Data-Framework

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#### Report available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-energy-climate-change/series/national-energy-efficiency-data-need-framework

### **Developments**

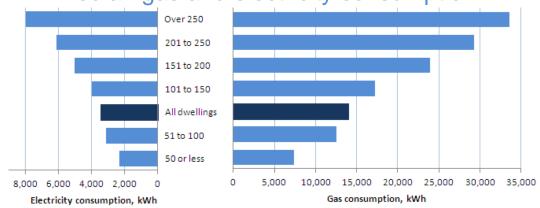


- Refined methodology
- Results for
  - •2005 2009 (impact of measures)
  - •2005 2010 (consumption)
- •Estimate of impact of solid wall insulation and longer term impact of all measures
- More detailed breakdowns of consumption by property types
- Data at local authority level
- Table including multiple attributes
- Assessment of non-domestic NEED

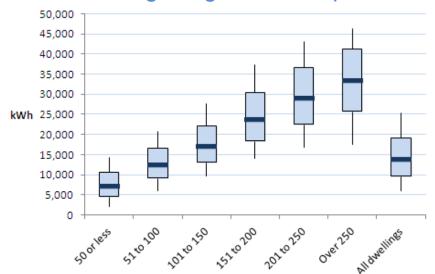
# Results - Domestic consumption Floor area (in m<sup>2</sup>)



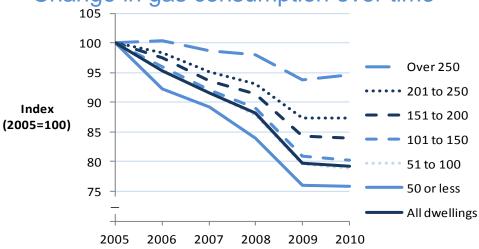




#### Range in gas consumption

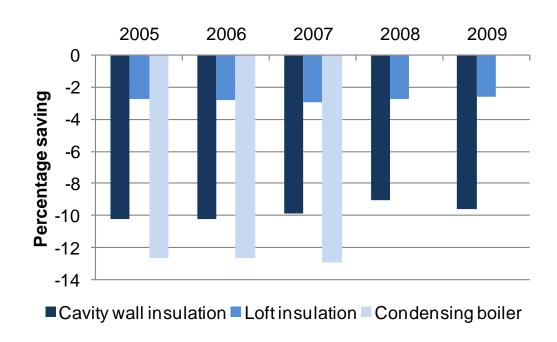


#### Change in gas consumption over time



# Impact of energy efficiency measures Summary





- •CWI median savings ranging from 9.0 to 10.2 per cent
- •Loft median savings between 2.6 and 2.9 per cent
- •Condensing boiler median savings ranging from 12.6 to 12.9 per cent

# Making more data available

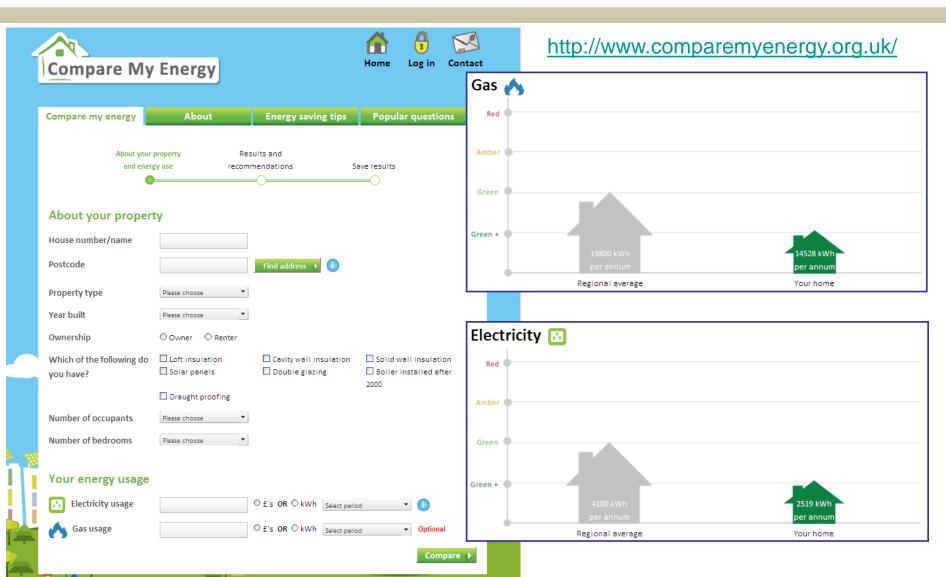


- Table of data by multiple attributes published alongside November 2012 publication (3691 rows of data).
- Published with limited formatting to allow it to be easily reused

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1	2010 gas and	electricity c	onsumption l	by property attributes											
2															
3		Dwelling	Dwelling	Number of	Gas	Electricity		Gas consumption (2010)			Electricity consumption (2010)				
4	Region	type	age	bedrooms	present	type	- N	Mean	Upper quartile	Median	Lower quartile	Mean	Upper quartile	Median	Lower quartile
5	North East	Detached	Pre 1919	2 bedrooms	Yes	Standard	50	22,300	27,700	21,600	16,400	4,100	5,200	3,400	2,700
6	North East	Detached	Pre 1919	2 bedrooms	No	Standard	70					5,300	6,800	4,000	2,900
7	North East	Detached	Pre 1919	3 bedrooms	Yes	Standard	130	26,400	31,000	26,100	22,000	5,100	5,800	4,400	3,400
8	North East	Detached	Pre 1919	3 bedrooms	No	Standard	120					6,800	8,800	5,700	3,800
9	North East	Detached	Pre 1919	4 bedrooms	Yes	Standard	90	31,500	39,300	33,000	25,400	5,700	6,600	5,000	4,000
10	North East	Detached	Pre 1919	4 bedrooms	No	Standard	90					7,300	9,100	6,900	4,600
11	North East	Detached	Pre 1919	5 or more bedrooms	Yes	Standard	40	32,500	38,100	32,300	27,000	6,000	7,200	5,300	3,800
12	North East	Detached	Pre 1919	5 or more bedrooms	No	Standard	60					8,600	11,100	6,600	4,800
13	North East	Detached	1919-44	3 bedrooms	Yes	Standard	220	25,200	31,000	25,000	19,300	4,900	5,800	4,200	
14	North East	Detached	1919-44	4 bedrooms	Yes	Standard	150	29,700	35,700	28,200	23,200	5,100	6,000	4,800	3,300
15	North East	Detached	1919-44	5 or more bedrooms	Yes	Standard	30	33,400	42,000	38,100	25,400	5,100	6,900	4,700	
16	North East	Detached	1945-64	2 bedrooms	Yes	Standard	40	21,100	26,000	20,800	15,300	3,700	4,600	3,200	
17	North East	Detached	1945-64	3 bedrooms	Yes	Standard	440	22,400	27,100	21,200	16,400	4,200	5,300	3,800	2,700
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# **Working with industry**

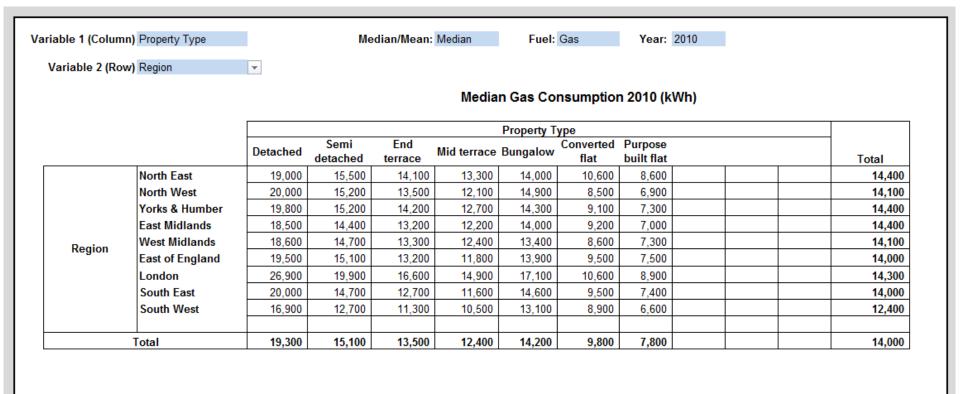




# Making data more accessible



Table Creator tool published 16th May



### How outputs have been used within DECC



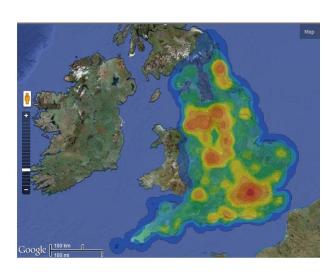
**GREEN DEAL** 

**APPROVED** 

Within DECC, outputs from NEED have already been used to inform a number of important policies, including:

- Estimates of savings from insulation measures to inform development of Green Deal and ECO.
- Consumption by income and tenure to inform Fuel Poverty policy.
- Consumption by property attributes to inform development of heat policy.
- DECC's Heat Map.



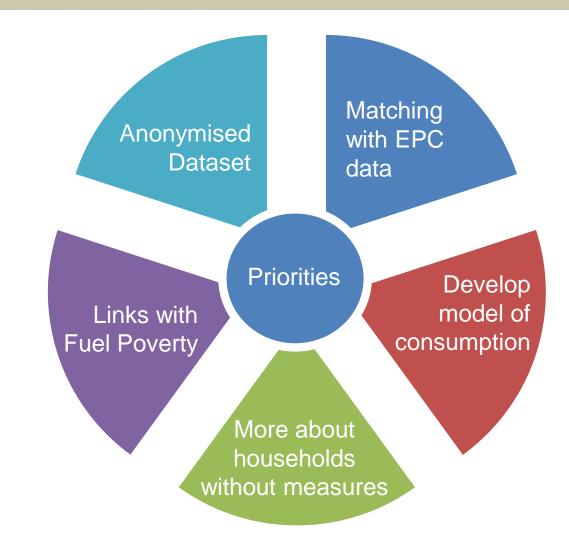




# Priorities from Stakeholder Event November 2011



A large range of ideas for the future of NEED were suggested at the event which were refined to give a short list of priorities for the future of NEED. Progress has been made on a number of these.



#### **Future Plans – Phase 3 Aims**



- •To produce estimates of consumption and savings from energy efficiency measures to inform policy evaluation and development (in national and local Government).
- •To produce an anonymised domestic dataset available to approved external users.
- •Further explore model of domestic energy consumption.
- •To produce outputs in line with National Statistics guidance and standards.
- •To communicate the results and benefits of NEED.

# Beyond 2012 – summary project plan



	Jan-March - complete	April - June	July – December	Longer term
Domestic	<ul> <li>Migration to internal hosting of NEED.</li> <li>Refresh analysis sample (including Wales).</li> <li>Identify key variables for model of consumption.</li> <li>Produce PIA.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Produce and publish consumption tables for 2011 cons. data.</li> <li>Review impact of measure methodology.</li> <li>Include final CERT and CESP measures in NEED.</li> <li>Input into CERT and CESP evaluation.</li> <li>Agreements in place for anonymised dataset.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Produce and publish updated impact of measures analysis (inc. measures installed in 2010).</li> <li>Production and testing anonymised dataset.</li> <li>Modelling alternative to Experian data.</li> <li>Conversion to AddressBase.</li> <li>Initial analysis of EPC data.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Input into Smart Meters and Green Deal reporting and evaluation.</li> <li>Inclusion of data for Scotland.</li> <li>National Statistics assessment.</li> <li>Inclusion of additional measures.</li> <li>Updated model of energy consumption</li> </ul>



# Questions...

#### Or comments on:

- •Have DECC outlined the right priorities for the next 12-24 months?
- Are there any ways DECC could work more closely with your organisations to add value to outputs?
- Are there any ways we could better present outputs or communicate NEED?

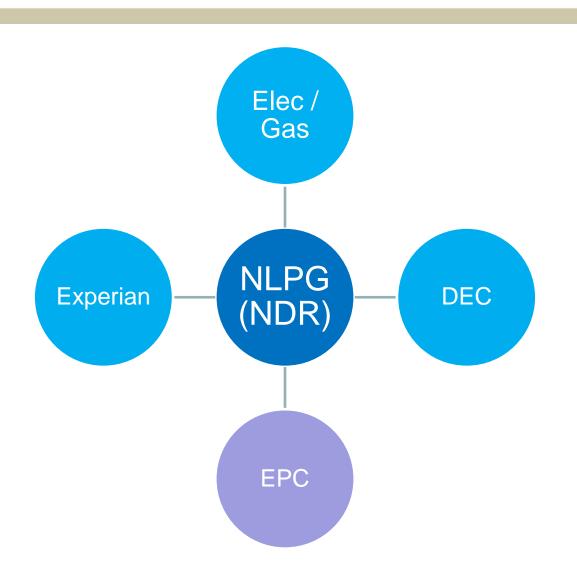


# Non-domestic NEED Overview

Sam Trewin

#### What is non-domestic NEED





#### **FRAMEWORK**

Coverage: England & Wales

Consumption: Metered electricity & gas only

Non domestic ratings spine

c.1.8 million rateable spaces (hereditaments/sub-premises)

c.1.6 million properties

Matched at property level

- Same approach as domestic
- Currently no measures data

# Purpose of non-domestic NEED



Understand metered energy consumption across building type and business sector

Provide a framework for matching non-domestic admin/survey/programme data

Build a profile of the nondomestic building stock

Support the Non-domestic Energy Use project

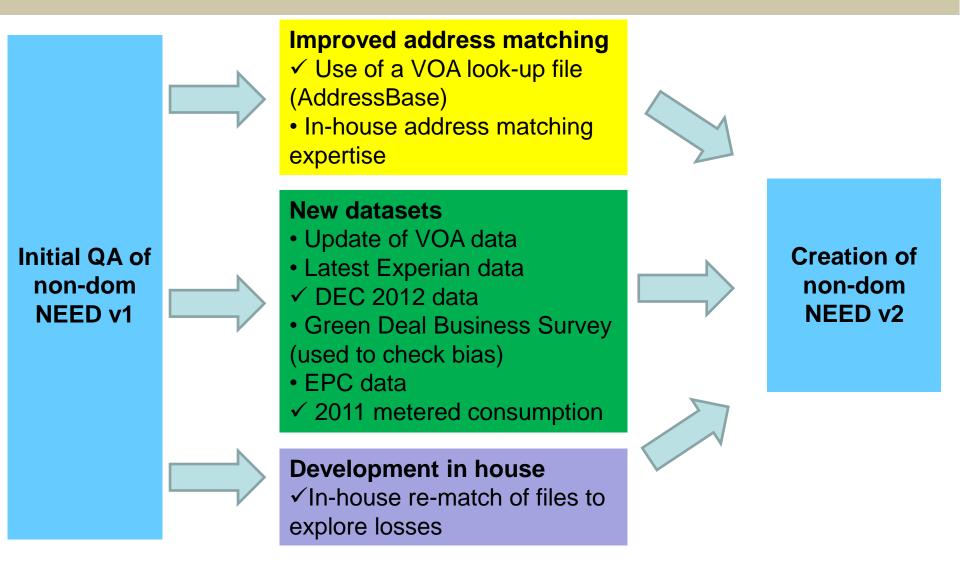
# Project history and plan



Projects	Dates
First matching attempt of non-domestic NEED	March 2012
<b>Initial QA</b> revealed a number of issues (e.g. poor matching, loss of consumption, missing records)	Summer 2012
NEED Report sets out some results and challenges from the QA	November 2012
<b>Development of NEED version 2</b> (in house, making use of new data sources to improve matching rates)	March 2013
<b>Structured QA</b> to determine potential uses of NEED version 2 or further improvement work-streams	To May 2013
<b>Next steps –</b> review of QA/update of data (VOA and Experian, new address matching techniques)/possible publication of results	Summer 2013

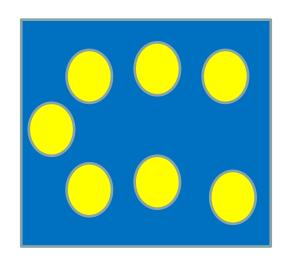
## Planned improvement workstreams



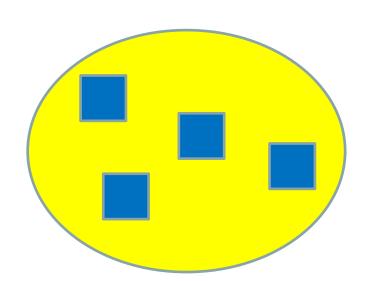


## Why is it so hard to count non-domestic buildings?

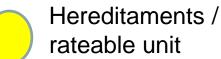


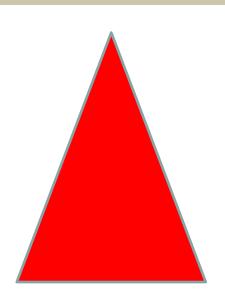


Scenario 1: A building is occupied by different businesses creating multiple rateable units (e.g. large office)



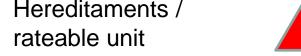
Scenario 2: A site (e.g. industrial / education) contains multiple buildings





**Scenario 3:** A rateable site contains no buildings e.g. football pitch, advertising board.







Land without buildings



# How useful is non-domestic NEED?

Emerging findings from Quality Assurance

#### **QA Plan for Non-domestic NEED**

Six factors to consider



#### Coverage

How much of the non-dom sector is captured?



#### Matching

Are the matches correct?



#### Consistency

Does NEED agree with other data sources?

#### Consumption

Is the consumption accurate and valid?



#### **Bias**

How representative is the data in NEED?



#### **Applications**

Given what we've found, what can we use NEED for?

# Initial QA of outputs and emerging findings



Work in progress, results excluded



# Non-domestic NEED going forwards

## Challenges encountered in non-domestic NEED



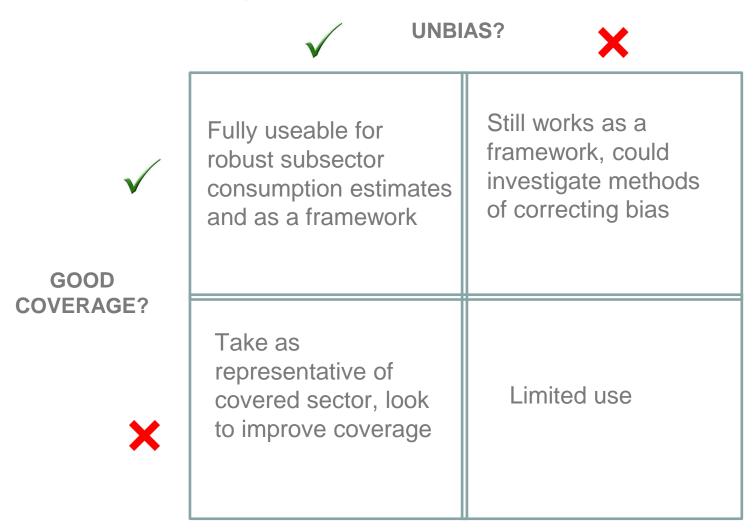
- Data matching rates significantly lower than domestic risk of bias in results
  - Complicated <u>address structure</u> creates risk of misleading information (e.g. business run from home using one set of meters)
- Interpreting results for a <u>diverse sector</u>
- Limited existing data landscape to verify results against
- Part of the success of domestic NEED was the information on <a href="mailto:measures">measures</a>
  <a href="mailto:installed">installed</a>. This does not yet exist centrally for non-domestic buildings.

### **Applications**

#### What can we use NEED for?

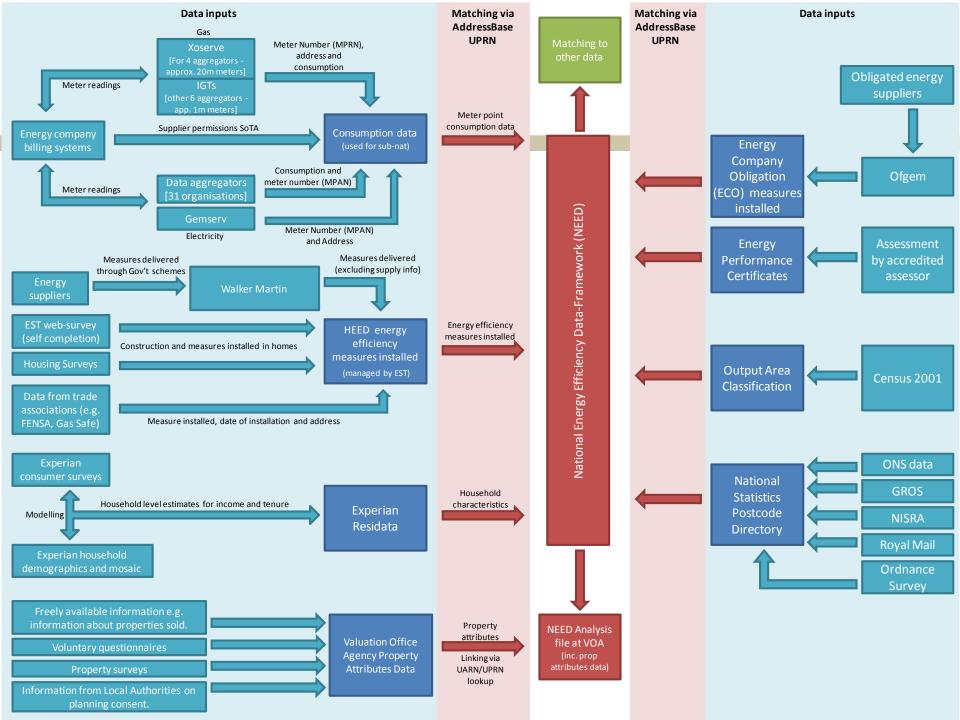


• Will not know exactly until QA finished but there are several possible outcomes





# Anonymised (domestic) dataset



# **Privacy Impact Assessment**



Privacy impact assessment for NEED being finalised and will then be published, seven specific privacy impacts identified:

- Transparency: Consumer awareness of data collection and usage
- Public acceptability: How people feel about data being used in this way
- **Linking:** Linking data from multiple sources
- Quantity: the large number of records (all properties in Great Britain)
- Multiple organisations: The involvement of multiple organisations in the supply and processing of the data
- Retention: The retention of historic data
- Data release: The publication of reports including outputs for aggregate data and release of an anonymised dataset at property level
- Physical security: security of data when transferred to and held by DECC

# Producing a dataset – key steps



#### Scoping – May - August

- Confirm legal agreements and see if it is possible to negotiate permissions where agreements don't allow data to be included
- Input from key users on what would be wanted out of dataset

#### Initial proposals and Consultation – August/September

- Set out proposals for anonymised dataset, covering sample size, variables for inclusion, level of geography etc
- Consultation on proposals

#### Hosting arrangements – June - September

 Agree where dataset will be hosted and how access will be managed (i.e. will it be available to all or just to approved researchers)

#### **Production and Testing – October - December**

- Produce anonymised dataset
- Internal testing DECC/ONS
- External testing

**Publication – Ambition: January 2014** 

# **Data in NEED**



Energy	Energy Efficiency Measures	Property Attributes	Household characteristics	Geography	Other classifications
Gas 2005- 2011	Measure installed	Property age	Household income	Region	Output Area Classification (2001 or 2011)
Electricity 2005-2011	Date of installation	Property type	Tenure	Local Authority	Index of multiple deprivation
Economy 7 flag	Scheme installed under	Number of bedrooms	Number of occupants	MSOA	Other indices of deprivation
Gas heating flag	Loft, CWI, SWI, draft	Floor area (category)	Length of residence	LSOA	Other small area outputs?
Elec heating flag	proofing, double			OA	
glazing, heating, RTDs			Post code		
	Major measure flag				

#### **Questions for discussion**



#### **Variables**

- Which variables or groups of variables are most important?
- Any variables which if excluded make the dataset unusable?
- Would modelled variables still be of use e.g. property type, gas heating flag?
- Are there any other variables not listed as already in NEED that would be usefully included? (e.g. data available at LSOA level).
- Would a weighting variable be useful?

## Banding /level of geography

- What level of geography would be preferred? LSOA would mean fewer other variables, region would allow more.
- Size of gas and electricity consumption bands e.g. percentiles, quintiles or 100kWh, 1,000kWh or 5,000kWh bands.
- Are there any other variables which could be grouped/put into bands without reducing value of data?

#### Other

- What would the data primarily be used for?
- What size of dataset required (thousands/hundreds of thousands)?
- Is there value in the data even though it couldn't be linked to other sources (in the first stage at least)?
- Are there any more detailed aggregate outputs which would be useful in the mean time/as well?



# Methodology – impact of measures estimates

# **Methodology Overview**



- June 2011 First estimates of gas savings from installing energy efficiency measures published – for measures installed in 2006.
- Difference in difference approach used single comparator group for all measures.
- November 2012 Estimates for measures installed 2005 to 2009 published. A number of developments to methods:
  - Remove suspected estimated readings.
  - Only include households that use gas for heating (assume 2,500kWh 50,000kWh consumption).
  - Exclude records with increase of more than 50% or decrease of more than 80% over the period.
  - Stratified comparator group for each measure and year
  - Headline on % savings.
- November 2013 Next estimates for 2010 due to be published. Proposed developments:
  - use new sample.
  - match properties in the intervention group with an equivalent property in the comparator group – matched pairs.
  - weight the savings so that headline savings estimates reflect the full housing stock rather than just the population of households in the intervention group.

# **Sample creation**



A new sample was created in 2013 to be used for June and November 2013 and 2014 publications.

#### Created in order to:

- Include Wales;
- Ensure there was no significant bias in the original sample and therefore increase confidence in the results;
- Ensure the sample is representative at local authority level; and
- Use a more up to date sample of households.

Stratified by the following variables:

Variable	Categories
Property Age	Pre-1919 1919-44 1945-64 1965-82 1983-92 1993-99 Post 1999
Property Type	Detached Semi detached End terrace Mid terrace Bungalow Converted flat Purpose built flat
Number of Bedrooms	1 bedroom 2 bedrooms 3 bedrooms 4 bedrooms 5 or more bedrooms
Local Authority	Each LA in England and Wales

# **Methodology 2013 – intervention group**



Intervention group conditions for measure installed in 2009

Variable	Condition
Date of installation	Cavity wall insulation recorded as being installed between 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2009 and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2009 (inclusive).
Energy efficiency measures	No record of loft insulation, solid wall insulation, double glazing, draught proofing or heating measures being installed (at any time).
Gas consumption	Gas consumption in 2008, 2009 and 2010 between 2,500 kWh and 50,000 kWh. Estimated readings are excluded – this includes where the gas consumption reading is the same as the previous years, or where the reading is one of a number of suspected estimated values.
Change in gas consumption	Properties with an increase in gas consumption between 2008 and 2010 of more than 50 per cent or a decrease in gas consumption of more than 80 per cent are excluded.
Property type	Flats are excluded due to insufficient address details being available to identify which flat in a block received the energy efficiency measure.

# Methodology 2013 – comparator group



- Stratified random sample retrospectively selected to have same characteristics as intervention group
  - same pre-intervention consumption bands (2,500 kWh bands) and same grouping for each of the following variables

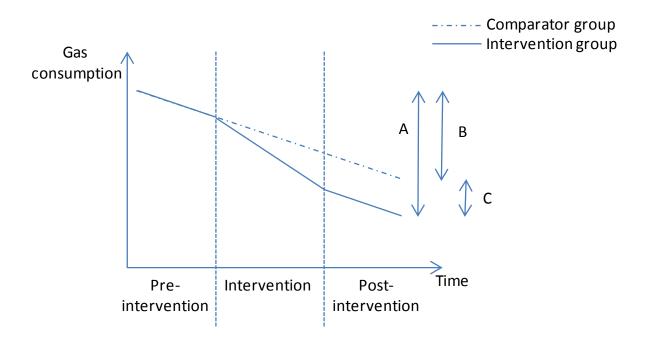
Variable	Categories
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Also, same conditions as intervention group applied (except measure installed).

# Methodology 2013 – savings estimates



Difference in difference approach



• Each property in the intervention group is also matched to an equivalent property in the comparator group to allow comparisons of median, and distributions.

# Methodology 2013 - weighting



Measure	Housing Stock	Sample stock
Cavity wall insulation	Cavity wall properties in EHS with gas as main heating fuel	Cavity wall intervention group properties
Loft insulation	Properties with lofts in EHS with gas as main heating fuel	Loft insulation intervention group properties
Solid wall insulation	Solid wall properties in EHS with gas as main heating fuel	Solid wall intervention group properties
Condensing boilers	EHS total housing stock with gas as main heating fuel	Condensing boiler intervention group properties

- Weighing is based on:
  - Region
  - Property age
  - Property type
  - Number of bedrooms

e.g. Group one for cavity wall insulation would be the number of properties recorded on the EHS as having cavity wall insulation and being in the North East, built pre-1919, detached with 5 or more bedrooms.

Note that using the English Housing Survey (EHS) will mean the weighting factor is based on the English housing stock, not the England and Wales housing stock.

# **Methodology 2013 - weighting**



Weighting factor for record n 
$$(w_n)$$
 = 
$$\frac{\left(\frac{\text{housing}_g}{\text{sample}_g}\right)}{\text{total}}$$
 housing stock

Where n is the record number in the sample

g is the group number (e.g. group 1 = North East, built pre-1919, detached with 5 or more bedrooms)

housing $_g$  is the number of properties in group g in the total housing stock (EHS) sample $_g$  is the number of properties in group g from the intervention sample (NEED)

Population % saving = 
$$\sum_{n}$$
 (% age saving for record n ×  $w_n$ )

# Methodology – beyond 2013



Continue to be areas for improvement to these estimates, in particular with the availability of new data sources:

- Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs)
- Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) installations

Methodology itself is not planned to change, but may be possible to address some of the following issues:

**Measures not recorded in HEED** – DIY loft insulation and most measures installed outside Government schemes are not recorded in HEED. However, there will be information covering these on the EPC register.

**Gas year** – the annual gas consumption data used do not cover a calendar year; the gas year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September. Using Green Deal and ECO data may provide more confidence in the exact data of installation enabling the gas year and intervention year to cover the same period.

**Heating fuel** – data in NEED does not currently provide information on what fuel is used as the main heating fuel in a property. Data from the Green Deal and ECO will provide this information for the intervention group and it may be possible to use EPC data to build a similar comparator group.

**Wall type** – NEED does not currently include reliable information on the wall type (e.g. cavity or solid). EPC data should make it possible to build a comparator group which has the same wall types as the intervention group.