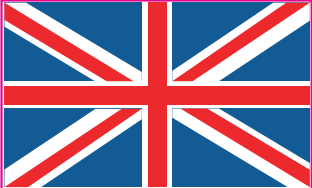


**M**illions of people in the UK are now in fuel poverty and the situation is getting worse.

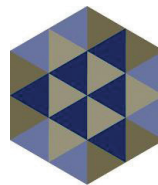
The main reasons for this crisis is that gas, oil and coal prices are high, and the UK's homes are some of the most poorly insulated in Europe – leaking heat from their doors, walls and windows. This means they cost much more than they should to heat and power, using more energy which contributes to climate change too.

Cold homes are damaging the health of vulnerable members of society, including children, older people and people with disabilities. Diseases such as asthma are made worse, and people are more likely to have strokes and heart attacks. Illnesses caused by cold homes cost the National Health Service in the UK over one billion pounds each year.



**At least 7,800 people die every winter from living in cold homes – more than four times the number of people who die on British roads.**

**It is vital that we renovate homes and increase the efficiency of the UK building stock.**



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