



Public Health and Housing: Local Leadership for Health Improvement

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- Housing not always a priority
- every £1 spent on providing housing support for vulnerable people nearly £2 is saved in reduced costs of health services, tenancy failure, crime and residential care.
- every £1 spent on energy efficient housing saves 42p in health costs



Not new....

- 150 years of housing improvement in Birmingham prompted by a need to improve public health
- Post war Council build programmes
- Major slum clearance in inner city
- Overspill developments



Up to date...

- Decent Homes Programme
- Private Sector Housing Strategy
- Tackling Health Inequalities
- Council new build to Code for Sustainable Homes (Level 4)



The challenge

- 136 years on the housing and health challenge is not yet solved.
- Fuel Poverty
- Homelessness

