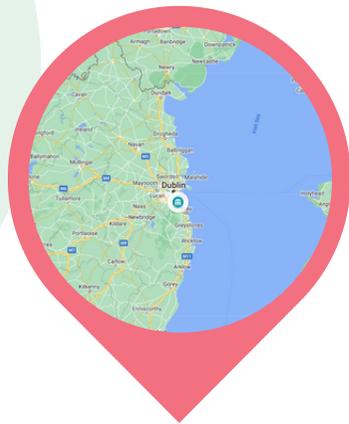


South Dublin Ireland



RESULTS

2nd technical assistance of the Energy Poverty Advisory Hub 2023-2024

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Energy poverty phase: Diagnosis



Topics: Coal Region in transition

The geographical areas of North Clondalkin and Tallaght are experiencing high levels of deprivation. Both areas present high health and wellbeing risk. Housing and energy poverty have a significant bearing on health and wellbeing with the Institute of Health Equity noting that cold and energy poor homes are linked to a "wide range of health conditions, especially respiratory and cardiovascular, as well as poor mental health".

Objectives

The strategic objectives were:

- develop and implement an **engagement plan** focusing on health issues
- analyse data and provide **recommendation** on safe and sustainable measures
- providing households with **small energy appliances/devices** that can support energy consumption reduction

Activities & Outcomes

The programme was co-designed with **various council departments**, including community development, climate action, and social welfare services. After outreach, 37 households were recruited despite challenges due to mistrust of public bodies. So far, 24 households have completed the programme, which involved **house visits, phone engagements, a survey, and an energy audit**. Participants received tailored energy advice, referrals, and small energy-saving measures. The programme saw high satisfaction, with participants promoting it locally and recommending it to peers, supporting future efforts.



Reaching out to vulnerable, energy-poor households is a challenging and often precarious undertaking. The support was particularly important in learning how to engage with such vulnerable groups.



Future

A decision has been made to **continue** the initiative into the future, and **funding** has already been **secured** for 2025. This action will also be **replicated** in other areas of the national Sláintecare Health Community Programme.

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