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PRS Inquiry Southampton City Council

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We've been working in Southampton, Hampshire and Portsmouth for over 30 years.

We're an independent charity which aims to reduce carbon emissions, encourage sustainability, improve air quality and help people keep warm and well in their homes.

We're the trusted local centre for information and advice on home energy efficiency. We support tenants, landlords, homeowners to save energy, money and to keep warm and well at home. We work closely local authorities, other advice services and project partners to provide the best outcomes for our clients.

- Freephone energy advice line
- **Further support** for vulnerable or low income residents
- Help with **energy bills** which don't make sense
- Help accessing grant funding for **heating upgrades, insulation, and renewable technologies**
- **Smaller items** to save energy and keep warm



- Free and impartial advice for landlords and tenants over the phone and online
- Events, talks and digital assets to raise awareness of MEES
- Support for tenants to liaise with landlords
- Facilitate access to national and local funding for energy efficiency improvements



Landlords, does your property meet energy standards?

Failure to comply could lead to financial penalties

 0800 804 8601 (Mon-Fri 9-5)

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Tenants, does your house feel like a home?

We can help you stay warm and save energy

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Ashley's situation

- Single parent, private tenant, works fulltime, letting agent contacted us
- Very high electricity bill, electric room heaters, EPC E rating

How we were able to help Ashley

- SGN assisted gas connection worth £1,000 and grant of £3,360 for first time central heating, in addition to landlord's contribution
- Energy efficiency of the property upgraded to EPC C71 rating and estimated energy bill savings of £945 each year
- New combi boiler provides better shower pressure and contractor kindly unclogged the shower
- Advice on using new heating controls and doing a price comparison
- Ashley is less stressed about her energy bills and has no intention of moving now that the cost of heating her home is reduced

- Large number of poor quality PRS homes
- Draughty, much higher heat loss than owner occupied
- Often damp and mouldy
- Lots of on-peak heaters
- Difficult to improve energy efficiency of PRS flats (heating upgrades and insulation difficult, ASHP etc not viable)
- Tenants very concerned about talking to landlords
- Little incentive for landlords to invest

- Southampton Healthy Homes Service 2024-2029
- Renters reform bill
- Decent homes standard for PRS
- Opportunities for a few “high profile” MEES prosecutions in the city?

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Any questions?



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