

Facts and figures: Fuel poverty

- **In 2010 there were 4.6 million households in the UK living in fuel poverty**
The UK Fuel Poverty Strategy 8th Annual Progress Report (2010)
- **93% of cancer patients in fuel poverty are not on a social tariff**
Macmillan Cancer Support online survey of 974 people with cancer in the UK (2009)
- **One in five (19%) people with cancer turned their heating off during winter even though they needed it on – 91% said this was due to money worries**
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- **73% of people undergoing active treatment have used more fuel since their diagnosis**
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- **75% of those who have spent more on fuel attribute this increase to feeling the cold more since diagnosis**
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- **People with cancer are vulnerable to fuel poverty as their income often falls at a time when they are facing increased costs, including fuel bills. Almost 4 in 10 cancer patient households face a drop in income, and this drop in income is on average 50%.**

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Call the Macmillan Support Line free on 0808 808 00 00 or visit macmillan.org.uk**

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Macmillan Cancer Support/RDSi telephone survey of 1,137 people affected by cancer: 942 patients, 195 carers. Fieldwork conducted Nov 2005 – Feb 2006.

- **77% of professionals have seen evidence of patients suffering from pain, for example neuropathic pain, triggered or worsened by feeling cold**

*Macmillan Cancer Support Cold and cancer survey of health and social care professionals
(2009)*

- **92% of social care professionals believe there is a link between feeling cold and mental wellbeing**

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- **85% of social care professionals believe that feeling cold can strongly affect a cancer patient's recovery**

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- **Macmillan awards grants to people who are suffering from cancer to help relieve the stress associated with financial worries. In 2009 Macmillan gave £2,084,054 to 11,109 people to help with their fuel bills. This represented 40% of all Macmillan grants.**

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