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Heat and Insulation
QUESTIONNAIRE



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[HEAT] Due to the environmental impacts which can result from using different types of fuels, there is considerable interest in what fuels people in Northern Ireland use to heat their homes. I would like to ask you some questions about your heating and use of fuel.

Even if you don't actually use it, what is the PRIMARY method of heating in your home.

RUNNING PROMPT

SHOWCARD 4

INTERVIEWER NOTE: PRIMARY METHOD REFERS TO THE MOST OFTEN USED METHOD OF HEATING THE HOME

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|---|--------------|
| 1. Gas Central Heating (mains gas only) | → [HEATSEC1] |
| 2. Oil Central Heating | → [HEATSEC1] |
| 3. Electric -Electric storage (e.g. Economy 7) | → [HEATSEC1] |
| 4. Electric – Other (includes Electric fire/heater/Dimplex radiators) | → [HEATSEC1] |
| 5. Open/Closed Fire or stove (with or without back boiler) | → [FUEL1] |
| 6. Other | → [HEAText] |
| 7. None? | → [INSUL1a] |

[HEAText] Which of the other methods of heating do you use.

RUNNING PROMPT

SHOWCARD 5

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) | |
| 2. Biomass (wood pellets) | |
| 3. Air Source Heat Pump | |
| 4. Ground Source Heat Pump | |
| 5. Other? (Please specify) | → [HEATextOTH] |

[HEATextOTH] Please specify other primary method of heating home.

If HEAT=5

[FUEL1] Could you please tell me which of the following solid fuels you burn.

RUNNING PROMPT. CODE ALL THAT APPLY

SHOWCARD 6

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|---|--------------|
| 1. Ordinary household coal (i.e. smoky) | |
| 2. Smokeless coal (i.e. low smoke) | |
| 3. Peat briquettes | |
| 4. Peat (sod, peat or turf) | |
| 5. Wood (logs – fully seasoned/dry) | |
| 6. Wood (logs – unseasoned/wet) | |
| 7. Other wood products | |
| 8. Other (Please specify)? | → [FUEL1oth] |

[FUEL1oth] Please specify the other type of solid fuel you burn.

If FUEL1 = more than one response

[RANK1FUEL] And could you please tell me which of the following solid fuels you burn most often..

RUNNING PROMPT

SHOWCARD 6

- | | |
|---|--------------|
| 1. Ordinary household coal (i.e. smoky) | |
| 2. Smokeless coal (i.e. low smoke) | |
| 3. Peat briquettes | |
| 4. Peat (sod peat or turf) | |
| 5. Wood (logs – fully seasoned/dry) | |
| 6. Wood (logs – unseasoned/wet) | |
| 7. Other wood products | |
| 8. Other (Please specify)? | → [RANK1oth] |

[RANK1oth] Please specify the other type of solid fuel you burn most often.

If HEAT=5

[HEATOFT] When you burn solid fuel as your primary method of heating, may I ask how often you do this.

RUNNING PROMPT

SHOWCARD 7

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|----------|--|
| 1. Daily | |
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2. Evenings only
3. Weekends only
4. Winter months
5. Special occasions only e.g. Christmas
6. Other? (Please specify)

→ [HEATOFToth]

[HEATOFToth] Please specify how often

[HEATSEC1] How do you control the heating in your home?

RUNNING PROMPT

SHOWCARD 8

1. Manual On/Off switch only
2. A timer or programmer
3. Boiler thermostat (located on the boiler)
4. Room thermostats (one or more throughout dwelling)
5. Smart Heating Controls
6. Other? (Please specify)

→ [HEATSEC1OTH]

[HEATSEC1OTH] Please specify?

[HEATSEC2] Do your radiators have thermostatic radiator valves?

[INTERVIEWER: THERMOSTATIC RADIATOR VALVES DETECT THE TEMPERATURE OF THE ROOM. ONCE THE TEMPERATURE YOU WANT IS REACHED THE VALVE WILL SHUT THE RADIATOR OFF AND COOL DOWN, THEY TYPICALLY HAVE A NUMERICAL DIAL TO ALLOW THE TEMPERATURE OF A ROOM TO BE SET AT THE PREFERRED LEVEL]

1. Yes
2. No
3. No, there are no radiators in this property

[HEATSEC3] Do you use more than one method of heating?

1. Yes
2. No

→ [HEAT2]

→ [INSUL1a]

[HEAT2] What is the secondary method of heating in your home..

RUNNING PROMPT

SHOWCARD 4

1. Gas Central Heating (mains gas only)
2. Oil Central Heating
3. Electric -Electric storage (e.g. Economy 7)
4. Electric – Other (includes Electric fire/heater/Dimplex radiators)
5. Open / Closed Fire or stove (with or without back boiler)
6. Other

→ [INSUL1a]

→ [HOUSOIL]

→ [INSUL1a]

→ [INSUL1a]

→ [FUEL2]

→ [HEAT2ext]

[HEAT2ext] Which of the other methods of heating do you use..

RUNNING PROMPT

SHOWCARD 5

1. Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)
2. Biomass (wood pellets)
3. Air Source Heat Pump
4. Ground Source Heat Pump
5. Other? (Please specify)

→ [HEAT2extOTH]

[HEAT2extOTH] Please specify other secondary method of heating home

If HEAT2=5

[FUEL2] Could you please tell me which of the following solid fuels you burn..

RUNNING PROMPT. CODE ALL THAT APPLY

SHOWCARD 6

1. Ordinary household coal (i.e. smoky)
2. Smokeless coal (i.e. low smoke)

3. Peat briquettes
4. Peat (sod peat or turf)
5. Wood (logs – fully seasoned/dry)
6. Wood (logs – unseasoned/wet)
7. Other wood products
8. Other (Please specify)?

→ [FUEL2oth]

[FUEL2oth] Please specify the other type of solid fuel you burn.

If FUEL2= more than one response

[RANK2FUEL] And could you please tell me which of the following solid fuels you burn most often..

RUNNING PROMPT SHOWCARD 6

1. Ordinary household coal (i.e. smoky)
2. Smokeless coal (i.e. low smoke)
3. Peat briquettes
4. Peat (sod peat or turf)
5. Wood (logs – fully seasoned/dry)
6. Wood (logs – unseasoned/wet)
7. Other wood products
8. Other (Please specify)?

→ [RANK2oth]

[RANK2oth] Please specify the other type of solid fuel you burn most often

If HEAT2=5

[HEATOFT2] When you burn sold fuel as your secondary method of heating, may I ask how often you do this

... RUNNING PROMPT SHOWCARD 7

1. Daily
2. Evenings only
3. Weekends only
4. Winter months
5. Special occasions only e.g. Christmas
6. Other? (Please specify)

→ [HEATOFT2oth]

[HEATOFT2oth] Please specify how often

If HEAT or HEAT2 = 2

[HOUSOIL] When you need to order oil, do you ever shop around i.e. check oil prices with more than one oil company so you can order the cheapest option?

1. Yes → [INSUL]
2. No → [HOUSOILno]

[HOUSOILno] Are there any particular reasons why you do not?

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1. There isn't much difference in prices between companies
2. I like to use my local supplier as they are reliable
3. I can't be bothered / too much hassle
4. I don't have time
5. It's too complicated and I am unsure how to do this
6. I didn't know that I could shop around
7. Other- please specify
8. None

→ [HOUSOILOTH]

[HOUSOILOTH] Please specify other reason for not checking oil prices

[INSUL1a] What form(s) of insulation are in your house..

RUNNING PROMPT. CODE ALL THAT APPLY SHOWCARD 10

1. Windows double glazed – more than one
2. Windows double glazed – whole house
3. Windows double glazed – more than one but not whole house
4. Windows triple glazed – more than one
5. Windows triple glazed – whole house
6. Windows triple glazed – more than one but not whole house
7. Wall insulation (cavity or solid)
8. Loft insulation (depth known e.g. 120mm,270mm)
9. Loft insulation (depth not known)
10. Roof insulation
11. Floor insulation
12. Other (please specify) → **[INSULoth]**
13. None?

[INSULoth] Please specify other form of insulation