

# Healthy Homes Dorset pilot project

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Cold homes  
kill more people  
than alcohol,  
road accidents  
or drug abuse



A white ceramic cup filled with a dark liquid, likely coffee or tea, sits on a grey, textured knitted blanket. The cup is the central focus, with the blanket's texture providing a warm, cozy background. The image is partially obscured by a white, torn-paper-like border on the right side.

# Impacts of cold homes in Dorset

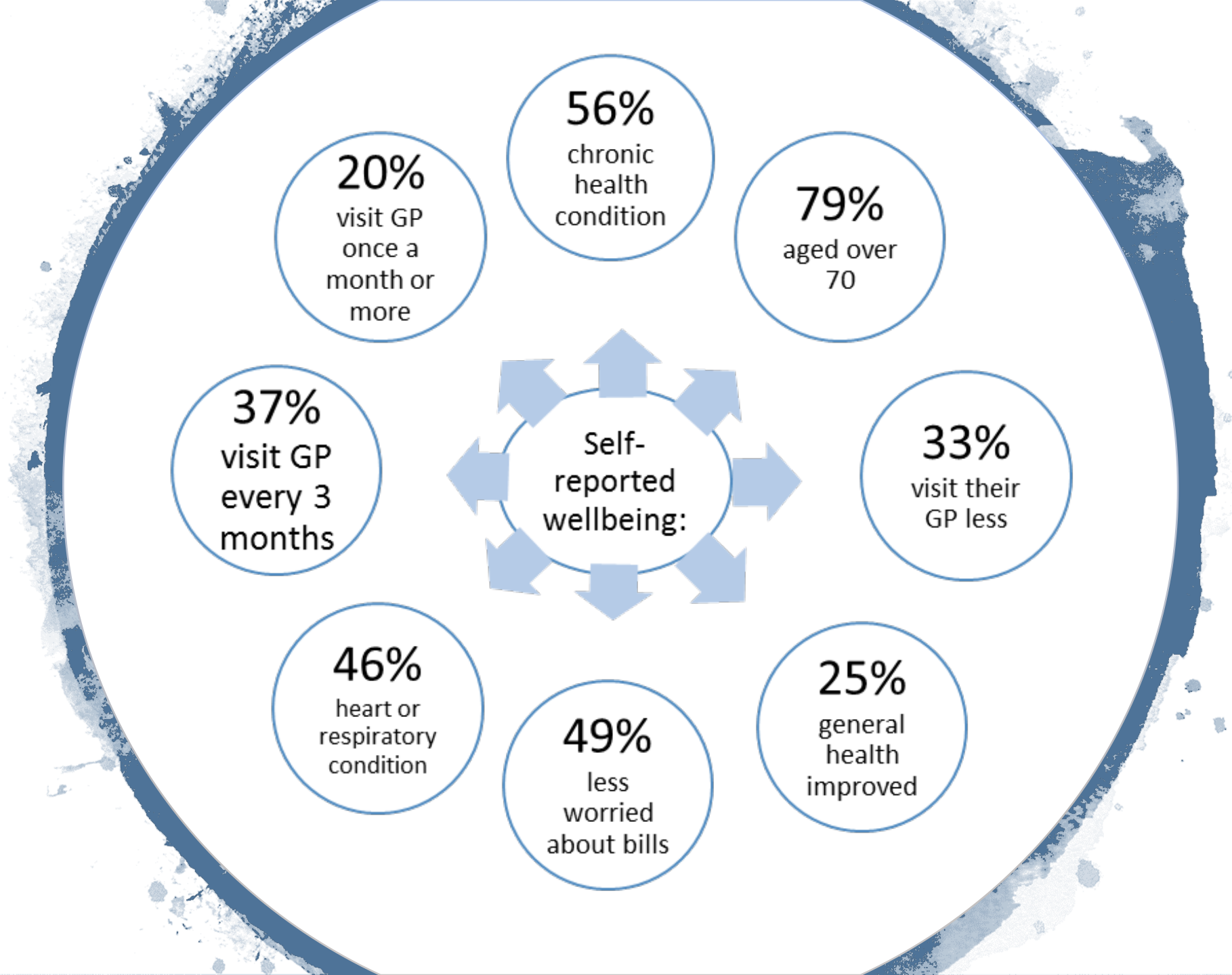
Each winter:

- 500 avoidable excess winter deaths
- 4,000 related emergency hospital admissions
- 16,000 related outpatient visits
- 16,000 related social care visits

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- Funded by Public Health Dorset - part of Healthy Places Prevention at Scale work
- Designed and managed by Dorset Council
- Delivered by commissioned providers
- Supported by public, private, and third sector organisations
- Fund of last resort model





**20%**

visit GP  
once a  
month or  
more

**56%**

chronic  
health  
condition

**79%**

aged over  
70

**37%**

visit GP  
every 3  
months

**33%**

visit their  
GP less

**46%**

heart or  
respiratory  
condition

**49%**

less  
worried  
about bills

**25%**

general  
health  
improved



Healthy Homes Dorset - innovative design

# Overlapping Policy Objectives

Healthy  
Homes

Carbon  
Reduction



Fuel  
Poverty

Air  
Quality

# Case Study: Mrs C

Fire Service referral

90-year old using gas cooker to keep warm.

Surviving Winter Fund grant to repair boiler, couldn't be fixed

Safe and Secure grant - new boiler and heating controls installed

Mice had chewed through bath waste pipe







## Case Study: Mr & Mrs O

recurring chest infections  
Mouldy walls at home  
Advised on healthy temperatures  
and how to control condensation.  
Insulation checked  
Helped get warranty-funded  
remedial work.

## Case Study: Mrs A

“I saw a leaflet in my GP surgery, I called the number and spoke to an advisor who arranged for someone to come and see me.”

Mrs A’s boiler was a threat to her safety

“At the visit they agreed to install a new boiler and radiator valves, so I could control the heating. The guys who came were brilliant, the scheme has been a Godsend.”



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