

# News Release

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## Free loft and cavity wall insulation for over 70's...

**PECT Consultancy Ltd (PCL) is delighted to announce that changes in legislation now mean that all people aged 70 and over in the East of England are eligible for grants for free loft and cavity wall insulation.**

Energy prices are rising with British Gas the latest energy firm to increase its prices, this follows increases from both N-Power and EDF.

Mark Randall of PCL explains, 'An average home loses a staggering 26% of heat through its roof, and 33% through the walls. Not only does this represent a waste of energy contributing to harmful emissions of carbon, but it is also money down the drain for many people across the region'.

'Loft and cavity wall insulation is an easy, hassle free way to offset rising energy prices and ensure long-term savings on bills. It is widely recognised that it is often older people who suffer during the winter period; insulation helps to make sure homes stay warm,' continues Mr Randall.

A limited number of grants for free insulation are available on a strictly first come first served basis:

- for those aged 70 and over
- for those in receipt of benefit payments

Those who do not qualify for the 100% grant could still qualify for some assistance towards the cost of insulating their home. It could cost as little as £179 for cavity wall insulation or £199 for loft insulation for a 3 bed semi-detached house.

**For more information, to find out whether you are eligible for a grant, and to register for a grant while funds last, please contact PCL's Energy Services Team on freephone 0800 7834761.**

PCL is the consultancy arm of environmental charity Peterborough Environment City Trust, and carries out a range of sustainable projects in the UK.

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2. **Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT)** is a charity set up following Peterborough's designation as a UK Environment City. PECT carries out research and implements practical projects to protect and improve the environment. Our mission at PECT is to lead and support the city in delivering growth and regeneration in a truly environmentally sustainable way. As a successful charity we work with a wide variety of stakeholders to make a difference for our environment – through innovation, enterprise and commitment to action on the ground. PECT has a strong track record of delivering projects of regional and national significance. It has a staff of 29 working on initiatives from green spaces to business environmental management to sustainable communities and lifestyles.

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