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**LEAP is a free service providing advice, support and energy saving measures to fuel poor and vulnerable households across Merseyside and Cheshire.**

**Eligibility Criteria**

The scheme is open to all types of householders – homeowners, private renters and social housing tenants. They only need to qualify on one of the categories below in order to be eligible for the scheme.

**Income Criteria – anyone with one or more of the following:**

* Income Support
* Income-related Jobseeker's Allowance
* Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
* Pension Credit
* Child Tax Credit
* Working Tax Credit with an income **below** £16,190
* Universal Credit with an income **below** £16,190
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**Physical Health Criteria** **– anyone with one or more of the following:**

* Cardiovascular condition (incl. coronary heart disease, stroke, hypertension, transient ischemic attack)
* Respiratory condition (COPD, childhood asthma)
* Neurological condition (incl dementia, Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy)
* Musculoskeletal conditions (incl. osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis etc)
* Blood conditions (incl. Sickle cell disease, thalassemia)
* Cancer
* Physical or sensory disability
* Other illness exacerbated by cold (confirmed by GP)

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**Mental Health Criteria, such as:**

* Schizophrenia
* Bipolar disorder
* Serious depression (receiving regular treatment)

**Vulnerability Criteria – anyone with one or more of the following:**

* Carers in receipt of carers allowance
* Housing Benefit
* Council Tax Reduction
* Disability benefit e.g. Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payment, Attendance Allowance, Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit
* Contribution-based ESA or JSA
* Vulnerable family situation such as victim of domestic violence or recent bereavement
* Household with maternity/ child under 5 or particularly large family.

**Making a Referral to LEAP**

You can refer a householder to LEAP using the Energy Projects Plus referral form, which can be emailed to advice@epplus.org

Alternatively, you can call the Save Energy Advice Line on 0800 043 0151.