



Foundations Independent Living Trust (FILT) is a registered charity that delivers fast and responsive solutions to help older, vulnerable and disabled people stay well and warm in their home when no other support is available.

How our partnership helps people

We use Gas Safe Charity funding to help older, disabled and vulnerable people by improving gas safety in their homes at times of hardship and urgency. The following types of essential minor work may be carried out using the Grant Scheme funding: gas safety checks, gas servicing, gas boiler repairs, gas boiler replacements, gas boiler combustion analysis and more. Work on the ground is delivered by our network of nearly 200 home improvement agencies.

The difference we make

Over **3,000** vulnerable people helped so far

The preventative measures cost only **£199** on average

86% of those helped were over 60 with low incomes and/or disabled

Caseworker testimonial

The gas safe funding has enabled many of our clients to have gas safety checks and boiler services when they aren't able to themselves due to financial circumstances. To be able to offer help to so many vulnerable clients through the scheme is brilliant and can be life saving for many households.

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Mrs M's story

Mrs M was referred by Age UK as she is disabled and had no heating or hot water. Mrs M did not qualify under government's scheme because she lived in a mobile home.

The client had very little savings and was on a low income and so finding the funding for a central heating system was a very sinuous and lengthy process.

The Gas Safe Charity Scheme meant that finally there was enough funding for the gas central heating system. The cost of extra funding leveraged was £3,774 plus the cost of the grant for connection to the gas network.

The outcome for Mrs M was improved health and wellbeing, as the warmth has improved her mobility. She also said she was feeling less depressed and that she could not have done it without the help of Homelife Carlisle and the FILT/GSC scheme.

