

# All-Party Parliamentary Carbon Monoxide Group (APPCOG)

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# Policy Connect – who are we?



*Pictured: Barry Sheerman MP and Sir John Hayes MP  
at a Policy Connect roundtable discussion on skills*

- Cross-party think tank
- Support of parliamentary groups, forums and commissions
- Convene policy makers, academics, business and industry, public and third sectors in discussion events, research inquiries and campaigns

# Policy Connect – what we do

Five policy pillars:

- Health
- Sustainability
- Education and Skills
- Industry, Technology and Innovation
- Assistive Technology



# All-Party Parliamentary Carbon Monoxide Group

- 16 parliamentary members from Conservatives, Labour, SNP, DUP and Liberal Democrats, Cross Bench
- Funded by four Gas Distribution Networks + IGEM + Domestic & General + CoGDEM

**CoGDEM**  
The Council of Gas Detection and  
Environmental Monitoring

 **SGN**  
Your gas. Our network.

 **WALES & WEST**  
UTILITIES

 **IGEM**  
Institution of Gas Engineers & Managers

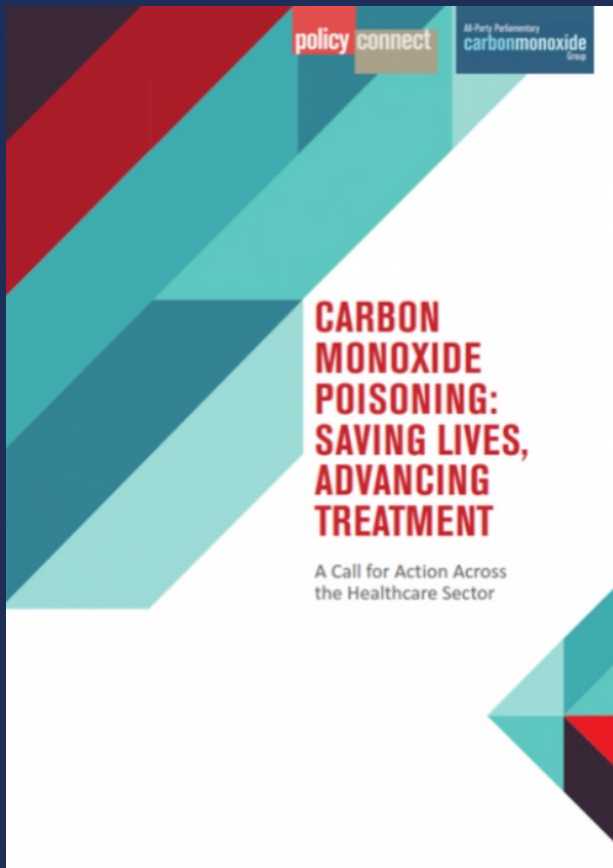
 **Northern**  
Gas Networks

 **Domestic**  
& General

**Cadent**  
Your Gas Network

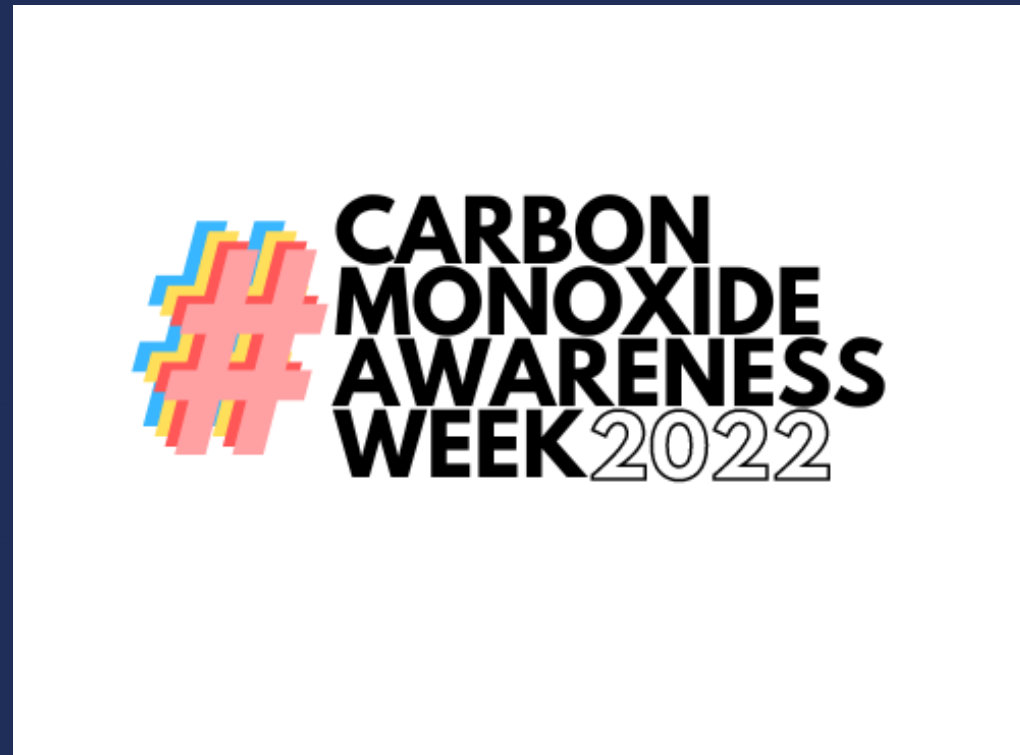
Wider stakeholders include: Gas Safe Register, Housing Associations, RoSPA, HSE, Fire & Rescue, academics & researchers, Care England, NHS

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# Working Groups

## Comms





# What we do

- Stakeholder Forum
- Consultations
- Inquires
- Events
- Awareness raising

## Environmental Audit Committee inquiry on outdoor and indoor air quality

- Responded to the question ‘what are the long-term health impacts of indoor air pollution?’
- Highlighted the prevalence and harm of CO exposure
- Listed steps government can take to improve IAQ



## Heath and Social Care inquiry

- Examined how positive change can be cultivated and embedded in health and social care
- Connected with 100+ health & care professionals
- Low awareness of CO risk
- Positive role of HIAs
- Makes recommendations for regulators, sector leaders, central government, local authorities

## Awareness raising

**NEVER USE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT INSIDE**

**I SUPPORT CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS**

**CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SAVE LIVES**

**GOV.UK**

Home > Transport > Maritime and shipping > Maritime accidents and serious incidents

News story  
**Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week 2022**

Statement from our Chief Inspector, Captain Andrew Moll OBE, at the start of this year's Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week.

From: [Marine Accident Investigation Branch](#)  
Published 21 November 2022

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Your Gas Network

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Servicing  
Ventilation  
CO alarms

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### Improving Carbon Monoxide Safety in Homes

### Parliamentary Reception with FRS





# Policy Success



## Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Regulations

- 1 October 2022
- For rented properties & new builds/new installations
- **Cookers excluded**
- No grace period for landlords
- Duty to repair/replace alarms when informed
- Tenants to change batteries

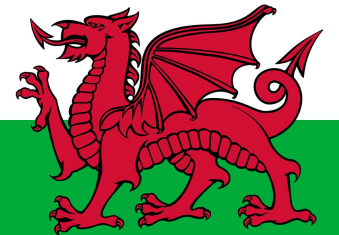
## Tolerable Standard

- 1 February 2022
- Mandatory alarms regulation for all homes
- **Cookers are excluded** from the regulations
- Must meet the relevant British Standards (EN 50291-1)
- Requirement to be interlinked (not CO)



## Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016, Properties 'Fit For Human Habitation' FFHH, 2022 regulations

- Regulations launched 1 December 2022
- For rented homes only
- **Gas cookers are included**
- Alarms must be fitted and maintained by the landlord
- Wide landlord duties incl. ventilation, flues & appliance servicing
- Recent consultation on expansion



# Looking to the future

- Publishing research inquiry and using findings to influence policy
- Supporting the Clean Air (Human Rights) Bill
- Improving public awareness – Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week #COAW
- Promoting indoor air quality research opportunities
- Working with diverse stakeholders to promote CO safety
- Using data to influence policy

