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Breaking the Cycle: How Procurement Reform Can Unlock Healthy Homes

When it comes to Healthy Homes. we've all been so focused on Awaab's Law, but that's only Phase 1. The next phase will see the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) assess on 29 housing hazards, creating even more focus on addressing longstanding issues around property disrepair and holistically safe and healthy homes.

A national housing strategy that aligns standards across departments, effectively merging goals from housing quality, safety and environmental sustainability will harmonise housing quality and energy efficiency under a broader, health-focused umbrella. It's a smart pivot toward joined up policy that reflects the realities of modern housing challenges. But to do this, we need to start with how services are procured.

THE FRAMEWORKS CONUNDRUM

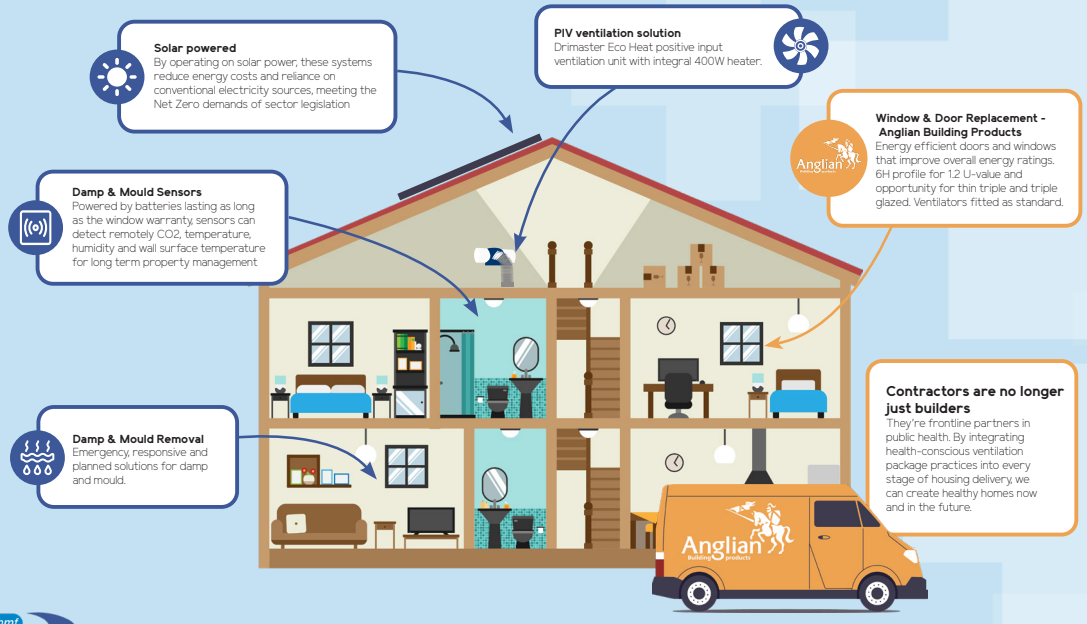
Currently, packages of works in open tenders or frameworks are set up mainly with a whole house approach, which largely benefits main contractors. It can be tricky for specialist contractors who often come with disruptive, market-changing innovations to work directly for clients because of this.

Sometimes the overlapping frameworks and products being hidden in larger packages, can make it really tricky to access the works. Many clients are set up currently with individual contracts managers per work stream, so once two work streams or more need to come together for efficiency, it is a challenge.

Here at ABP, we're excited to be part of this change, working with specialist supply chain partners, collaborating with housing providers, working and innovating with frameworks organisations and sector bodies like the NHMF Healthy Homes Working Group.

Whole Home Ventilation: disrupting the status quo

Healthy Homes Agenda: ABP wants to interrupt traditional work packages, create new frameworks and specify in collaboration with other partners



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Member of the Healthy Homes Working Group partnering with Health Homes Hub

Healthy Homes Hub

An example of how changing procurement could result in better results: a DMC remediation, windows and doors, perhaps retrofit trickle vent, ventilation and monitoring work package - even pulling in solar to power it all.

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