

PRESS RELEASE

National Federation of ALMOs partners with Smart Energy GB

10 May 2016: Smart Energy GB, the national campaign for Britain's smart meter rollout, has today announced a national partnership with the National Federation of Arms Length Management Organisations (NFA).

Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMOs) manage over half a million council homes across England¹.

This partnership is part of Smart Energy GB's national campaign to ensure that everyone across England, Scotland and Wales knows how to get a smart meter and use it in their home to bring their energy under control.

Every home will have the opportunity to upgrade to a smart meter, at no additional cost, by 2020. Smart meters will bring an end to estimated bills and show us how much energy we're using in near-realtime and the cost in pounds and pence. There are particular benefits for pre-payment customers, who will no longer have to top up at a shop or pay a price premium for this payment method.

As part of this partnership:

- Regional smart meter champions will train other ALMO members about the benefits of smart meters for families living in social housing.
- Smart Energy GB information on smart meters will be signposted from the National Federation website.
- Briefing materials about smart meters and the national rollout will be produced and distributed to Federation members.
- Communications officers from ALMOs will be provided with briefings and campaign materials to use in their communications about energy and smart meters with their tenants and residents.

Sacha Deshmukh, Chief Executive of Smart Energy GB said:

"The NFA has an established network across the whole of England. Each ALMO has a direct relationship with social housing tenants. ALMOs are able to reach out to residents who would benefit from smart meters, but who may not realise that the decision to upgrade is theirs and not their landlord's. By

providing information they can be fully empowered as part of this national upgrade.”

Eamon McGoldrick, Managing Director of the National Federation of ALMOs, said:

“We are pleased to be working in partnership with Smart Energy GB in bringing this initiative to the attention of our residents. It is to the benefit of everyone concerned that tenants and residents clearly understand energy consumption in the home. We believe this initiative will help households save money by using gas and electricity in the most cost efficient manner.”

Working in partnership with organisations across Great Britain is at the heart of Smart Energy GB’s approach to reach every home and micro-business with information about how they can get and benefit from having smart meters installed. Whether working with national organisations, supporting small local groups, or partnering with major brands to bring the smart meter experience to life, Smart Energy GB and its partners know that meaningful conversations led by trusted charities, brands and people will be a critically important part of engaging everyone.

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Notes to editors

1. There are no ALMOs in Scotland and Wales.
2. A map of English ALMOs can be found [here](#).
3. Further information about Smart Energy GB’s partnership programme can be found [here](#).

About Smart Energy GB

Smart Energy GB is the national campaign for Great Britain’s smart meter rollout. It’s our task to help everyone in Great Britain understand smart meters, the national rollout and how to use their new meters to get their gas and electricity under control. Our national campaign has already begun and will reach all households and microbusinesses in England, Scotland and Wales. For more information visit our website www.smartenergyGB.org

About smart meters and the rollout

Smart meters will replace the traditional meters we currently have in our homes. They will provide consumers with accurate bills, near real time information on energy usage in pounds and pence, and greater control over their gas and electricity. The smart meter rollout is an essential technology upgrade, unprecedented in its scale, to improve Great Britain’s energy infrastructure. Between now and 2020, everyone across England, Scotland and Wales will be offered a smart meter by their energy supplier at no extra cost. More than three million smart meters have already been



installed. To find out how you can get a smart meter from your energy supplier please visit www.smartenergyGB.org/get-a-smart-meter

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