

Press release  
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## **Hackney Homes makes inaugural House of Lords appearance**

Hackney Homes took our commitment to raising awareness about Carbon Monoxide to the House of Lords last week.

Recognised for the way in which we have encouraged residents to take Carbon Monoxide seriously, Hackney Homes were invited to talk to the House along with Lynn Griffiths, a mother whose children were victims of carbon monoxide poisoning for 10 years.

The attendees commended our efforts to prevent Carbon Monoxide incidents by installing over 11,000 detectors in our properties.

Jim Paterson, Hackney Homes Head of Building Maintenance said: “The safety of our residents is paramount and that is why we are urging everyone to avoid the dangers of Carbon Monoxide exposure by ensuring that all gas appliances are checked regularly. This invitation to the House of Lords is a testament to the importance of Carbon Monoxide ”.

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### **Notes to Editors**

- Hackney Homes is an arms-length management organisation managing around 30,000 council properties in the borough of Hackney.
- Carbon monoxide or CO is a colourless, odourless, neutral, gas oxide, which is highly poisonous.
- Carbon monoxide is produced when fuels are burned incompletely. Tobacco smoking, idling petrol, diesel powered engines, the burning of oil, wood, coal, paper, charcoal, kerosene, propane, butane, natural gas can all produce carbon monoxide. This can be in form of your boiler, fireplace and even burning your toast or chops can produce CO. However, while we all have some exposure to CO in our daily lives, when these levels increase, it can be deadly.
- Poisoning can be prevented by ensuring that all fuel burning appliances and associated flues/chimneys are installed by the appropriate, registered trades people.