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Change**

Choosing Your Energy Suppliers

If you are moving into your new home it is a good time to consider who supplies your electricity, heating oil or natural gas!

Electricity

At present you should be able to choose between six different electricity suppliers, with contact details for each provided below.



A quick way to identify savings would be to use the Consumer Council energy comparison tool www.consumerCouncil.org.uk/comparison_tool/begin However, we would recommend checking any prices quoted directly with suppliers, just in case there have been any recent changes.

If you've changed supplier in the last year or two then it would be best to check your existing contract terms in case you are tied in for a period of time, but normally if that's not the case and you don't have outstanding debt then switching is easy.

Just contact your chosen supplier and provide them with your details and a meter reading from your home and your new supplier will look after the rest!

You could also consider changing the way in which you pay for electricity by changing to either a keypad meter (where you top up electricity using a card) or a Credit meter (where you receive bills). If you're choosing to receive bills you can sometimes receive cheaper rates by choosing to pay via direct debit and also consider paperless billing.

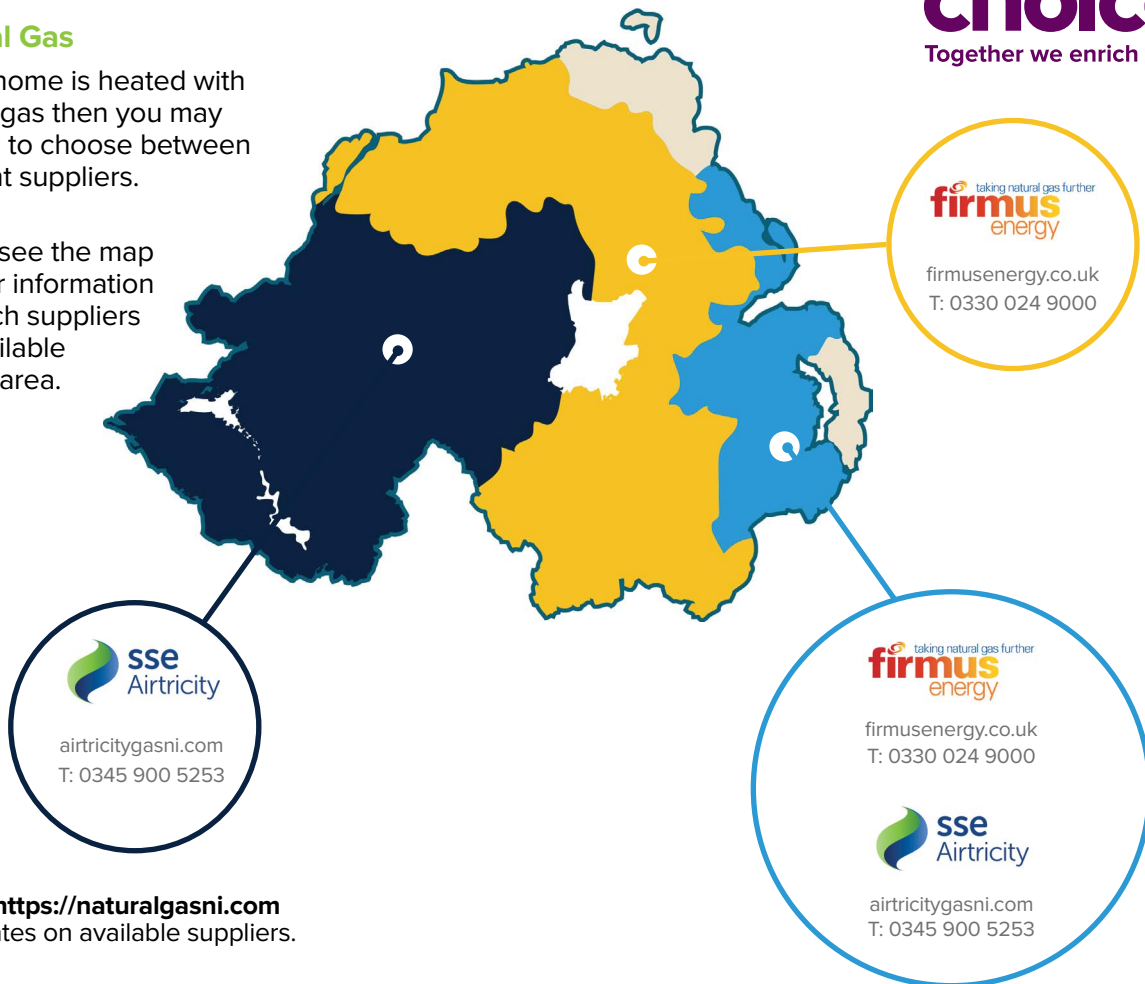


Supplier		
PowerNI	03457 455 455	home@powerni.co.uk
SSE Airtricity	0345 864 3546	customerservice@sseairtricity.com
Budget Energy	0800 012 1177	Info@budgetenergy.co.uk
Electric Ireland	0345 600 5335	customerservice@electricireland.com
Click Energy	0800 107 0732	chat@clickenergyni.com
Bright Energy	02895 442290	hello@brightenergy.com

Natural Gas

If your home is heated with natural gas then you may be able to choose between different suppliers.

Please see the map here for information on which suppliers are available in your area.



Or visit <https://naturalgasni.com> for updates on available suppliers.

Heating Oil

If your home is heated with heating oil then you will usually be able to choose between a large number of suppliers. Prices vary and so we would advise our customers to obtain a number of prices.

There are also websites which you can use to either provide you with up to date oil prices or even compare suppliers online and purchase heating oil, such as www.consumerCouncil.org.uk/energy/home-heating-oil/ or www.boilerjuice.com

You could also consider joining an oil buying club where oil deliveries are grouped together to achieve savings.

You can check if there is an existing oil buying club in your area by contacting Bryson Energy on **0800 1422 867** to find out if there is an oil buying club near you, or visit their website at: www.brysonenergy.org/projects-and-partnerships/140-oil-buying-club-scheme.html

Communal Heating

At some of our schemes the heating to individual properties is provided through a communal heating system, where Choice is responsible for purchasing heating oil or natural gas.

Whilst you are not able to change your heating supplier in these instances, the Sustainability and Energy Management Team at Choice review available options every one to two years and enter into contracts to try to deliver the lowest possible costs. This also applies to other housing schemes where there is heating in common areas such as corridors, stairwells or communal spaces.

For more information on switching suppliers please contact a member of our Sustainability and Energy Management Team on:

0300 111 2211

or email:

energy@choice-housing.org