



# ENERGY

# South Seeds can help

Whether your flat is owner occupied, or privately or socially rented, can have a big impact on how big or small your energy bills will be. Housing associations are registered social landlords and are regulated, so they are required to meet certain levels of energy

efficiency. South Seeds' experienced energy team helps clients in all tenure of properties to understand who is responsible for the energy efficiency of their homes and how they can minimise energy use without necessarily compromising on comfort.

## 'They made things better straight away'

Sami and his family recently moved into a housing association flat in Govanhill after living in several privately rented flats in very poor condition.

When Sami first walked in to South Seeds' office for support more than a year ago, he and his young family were staying in a privately rented flat with no heating system. To try to stay warm, Sami was using plug-in electric heaters. This meant Sami was paying a lot of money for his electricity consumption, which was causing a significant dent in his finances.

At that stage, Sami didn't qualify for any government-funded improvements but South Seeds' energy officer Jola replaced all the higher-wattage lightbulbs with LEDs and fitted an electricity monitor to allow Sami to keep track of his electricity

usage. As the property had a number of issues that breached the Scottish Government's Repairing Standard South Seeds referred Sami's case to Glasgow City Council Development and Regeneration Services, and to Govanhill Development Trust to help him with an application for social housing.

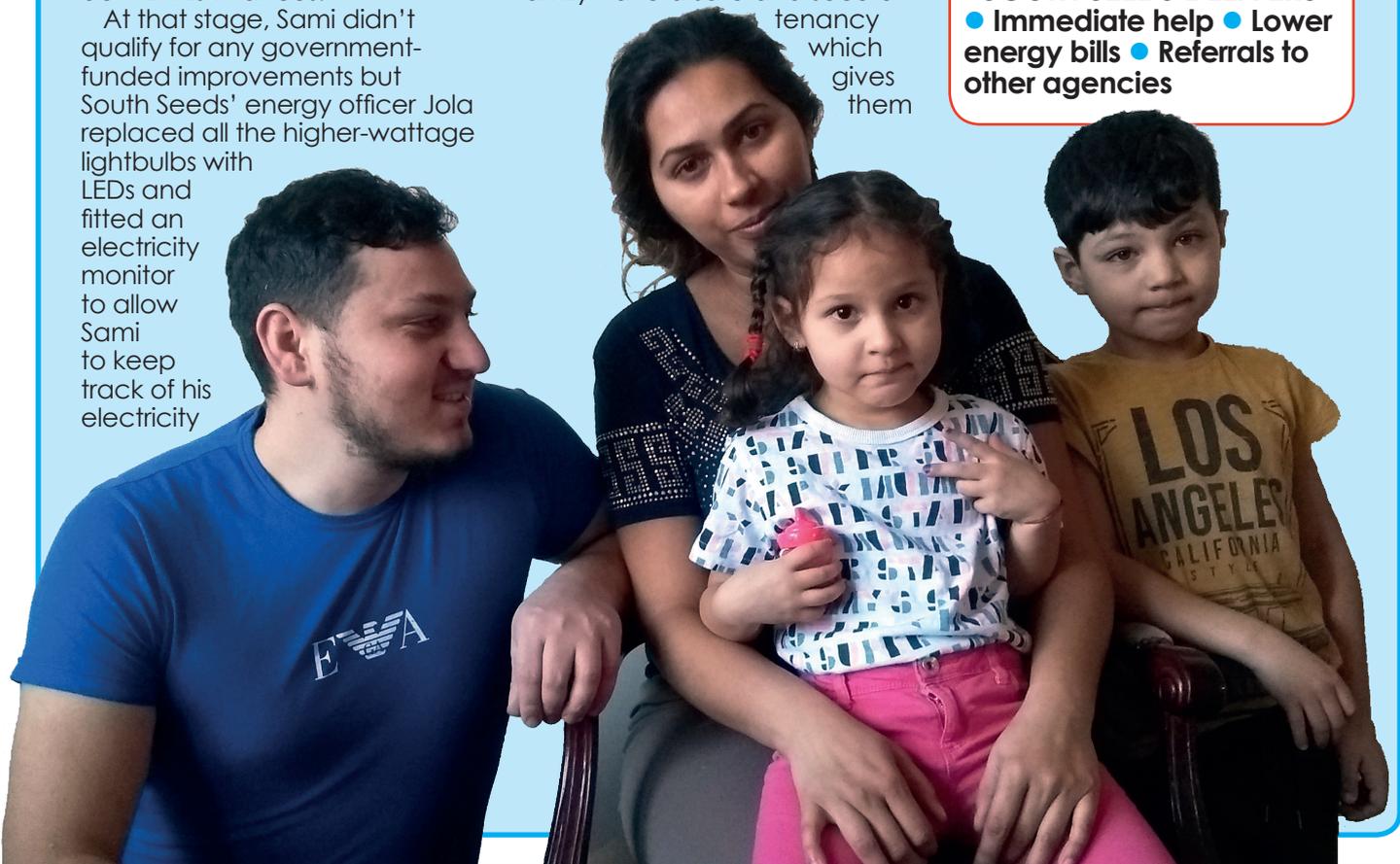
Over the next few months Sami moved for a short time to two more privately rented flats before securing a tenancy with Govanhill Housing Association. Now Sami and his family have a safe and secure tenancy which gives them

stability. They live in an energy-efficient flat and their bills are low. Sami and his family feel much more settled in the community and can now focus on building their lives.

Sami says the best thing about South Seeds was that they were able to deal immediately with his family's difficult situation.

"South Seeds' staff were genuinely concerned and acted to help me when our situation was critical," he adds.

**SOUTH SEEDS DELIVERS**  
● Immediate help ● Lower energy bills ● Referrals to other agencies



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