

Report For Ashby Food Bank Steering Committee

23rd May 2018

Distribution Manager End of Year Report 2017/2018

Ashby Food Bank continues to successfully receive and distribute food to those in need in the surrounding area. This report details activity for the year ending 31st March 2018.

The number of vouchers fulfilled during this period of time – 588 (578 2016/2017)

This represent 1688 clients (1726 2016/2017) showing a similar demographic pattern to previous years in terms of ethnicity, family size and ages.

The Food Bank operates over two distribution centres, with Ashby fulfilling 80% of the vouchers, Woodville 10 % of the vouchers – the remaining 10% has not been recorded on the system. Woodville have had a slightly busier year fulfilling 10 more vouchers than the previous year.

Our top referral agencies issuing more than 20 vouchers are:

Agency	No. of Vouchers
Trent and Dove	67
Crisis Team	47
Leicestershire CAB	39
Supporting Leicestershire Families	38
Measham Medical Unit	32
Travelling Families Service	31
Measham Primary School	30

Castle Medical Group	22
Coleman Street Health Centre	21

Ashby Food Bank issued 109 emergency vouchers.

There remains a large number of partner agencies who have never issued a voucher and there is scope for revisiting these potential referrers over the next year.

62% of clients live within the NWL/ South Derbyshire wards within the National Forest (16% in the Ashby wards). The clients residing outside this area reflect our relationship with Trent and Dove Housing Association based in Burton Upon Trent, the Crisis team which covers North Derbyshire in addition to our catchment area and the Sinfin/ Colman Street Health Visiting Teams.

The most common reasons given for referral to food bank remain: benefit changes and delays (roll out of Universal credit in our area is on-going); low income, ill health and debt.

In terms of stock we have received nearly 19 tonnes of donations and distributed 15.5 tonnes to our clients in need. 6.5 tonnes were collected throughout the year from Tesco's. All this stock has been weighed, labelled, stored and packaged for distribution with some excess reallocated to other charities. The warehouse team continue to do a fantastic job with this work and I would also like to thank Wendy for her continued work in organising this.

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