

# Update on Food Poverty in Enfield

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- Increase in the number of food banks and people accessing food banks since Covid-19
- Highest demand for food-aid in Edmonton Green, Jubilee & Haselbury Wards.
- 1500 households accessing food-aid in Enfield on a weekly basis
- North Enfield Food Bank doubled support from 2019-2020 vs 2020-2021
- Low income and benefit changes/delays are the two main reasons for accessing food support
- Need for more robust data collection measures

# The Journey So Far

## Enfield Stands Together:

- Over 4000 food parcels delivered weekly from April to October 2020

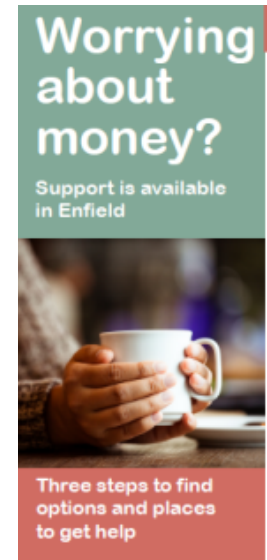
## Enfield Food Alliance

- Established November 2020



## Enfield Food Action Plan

- Worrying about Money Leaflet
- Addressing Food Poverty Event
- 9% Increase in Healthy Start Voucher Uptake



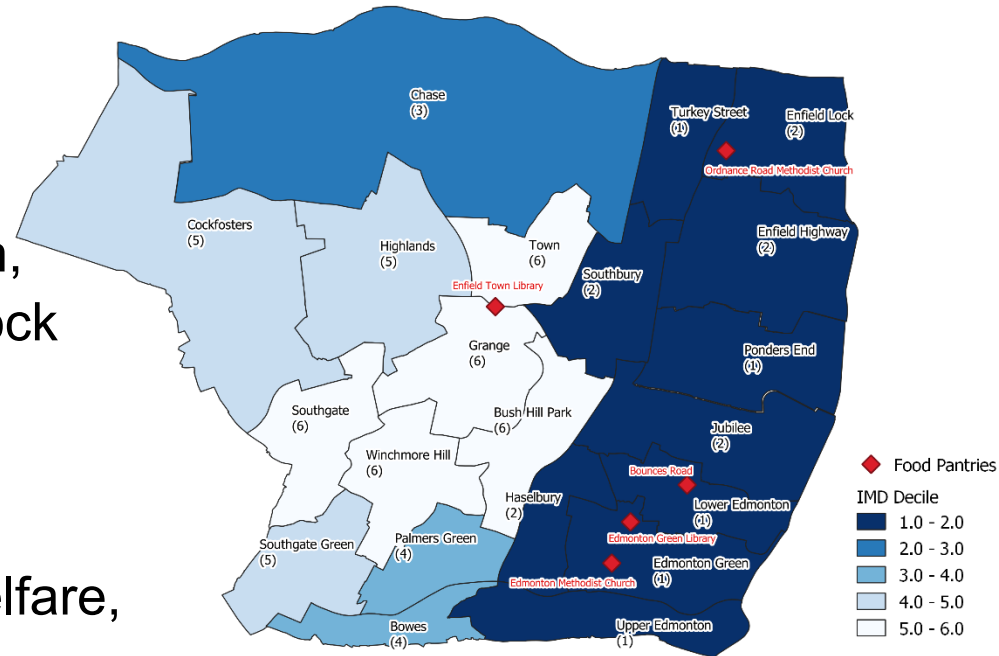
## Holiday Hunger

- Holiday Activity & Food Programme-over 3000 attended
- Vouchers

# Current Position

## Food Pantries

- 4 Food pantries in Enfield (Edmonton Green, Lower Edmonton, Enfield Lock wards)
- Over 100 members
- Early Help (housing, welfare, debt, employment)
- Culturally diverse foods



# Relevance to the Council Plan

## Enfield Poverty and Inequality Commission

- 7. Enfield Food Action Plan – Prevention, Building Resilience, Emergency Support
- 24. Extending access to benefits advice, support around debt and good credit.
- 25. Promote the take up of local people's full benefits entitlements

## Enfield Corporate Plan – Sustain Strong and Healthy Communities

- Engage with communities on decision making so services targeted where they are most needed
- Develop prevention and early intervention measures to promote independent living and wellbeing

# Future Plans

## 1) Increase 'Cash First' response to food poverty

- Income maximisation – accessing welfare, reducing debt, increasing employment
- Household Support Grant – vouchers (rather than food)

## 2) Increase access to affordable nutritious food through alternative food support models

- Food pantries
- Food coops
- Holiday Activity and Food programme