



'Good Food for All'

Herefordshire Food Poverty Alliance: Interim report, July 2019

Alliance development

Our initial activity as an [Alliance](#) has been to bring together local people and organisations to share information and experiences. This in itself has proved useful as some organisations didn't have mechanisms in place to work together.

We are also in the process of mapping current levels of food poverty, or risk of food poverty, in the county using existing datasets and more up to date information from partner organisations.

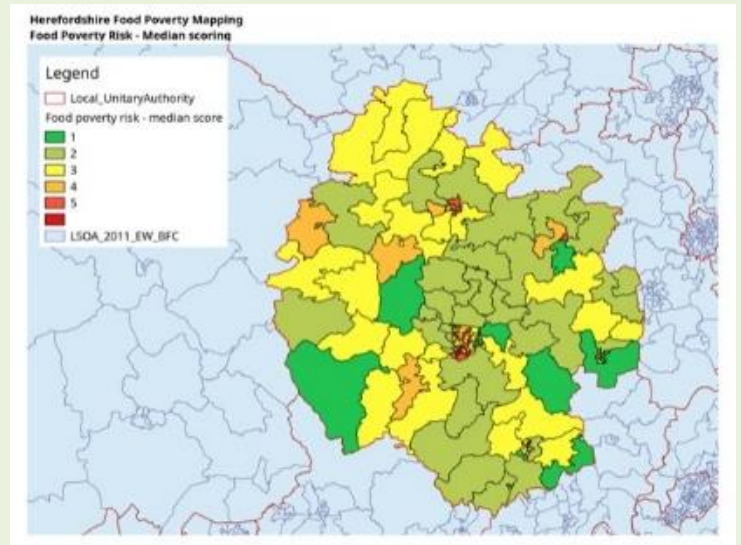
We are interested in finding out about people's experiences to give the information more context, so will attempt to collect some qualitative data too. This information will help us to understand what provision already exists, what needs further support, where there are gaps, who is potentially at risk and where they are.

Challenges and learning

Gathering consistent, up to date and meaningful data has proved challenging. Where data sets already exist they tend to be too old to be useful. We want to take a snapshot which is as up to date as we can make it. It's already apparent that the implementation of Universal Credit is driving more people into crisis and older data does not reflect this.

Next steps

Our next step is to develop an action plan that supports both existing and new initiatives which tackle food poverty.



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Outcomes

- The [Wellbeing Cafe](#) will run its first pilot scheme this summer, addressing holiday hunger and finding out more about people's stories of food poverty.
- A network meeting of our local independent food banks will share experiences and establish a consistent method of data collection.