



Mapping food poverty across multiple local authority areas

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Mapping indicators of food insecurity

Covering a large geographical area of 13 local authorities the South Wales Food Poverty Alliance has focused on mapping food insecurity across the region. With advice on useful indicators provided by Food Power and our members we have developed a spreadsheet of approximately 45 different datasets for each local authority in the region.

We will use this data to produce a report showing the scale of food insecurity across the region, the need for Welsh Government to develop an effective measure of food insecurity and the need for a clear plan to tackle this. This includes mapping poverty, deprivation and its impact, as well as specific provision (for example Healthy Start vouchers, discretionary financial support, crisis provision, school meals and holiday provision and food cooperatives).

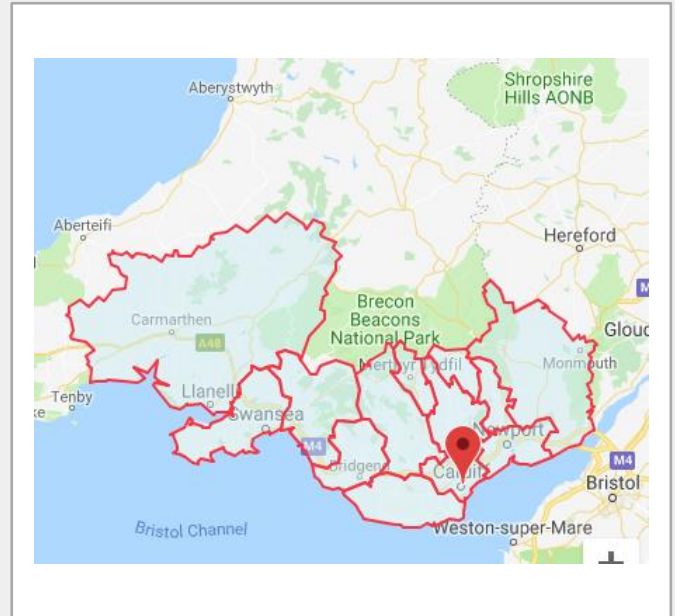
Challenges and learning

The geographical reach of our alliance is very large; it spans 13 local authority areas – both urban and rural. This has created challenges in terms of mapping food insecurity and in focusing our action planning work moving forward. Therefore, action planning will be focused on three specific geographical areas.

Sometimes data submitted by local authorities differs to published statistics. Where this has occurred we have used published statistics to enable comparison between local authority areas.

Next steps

Once our mapping report is complete the next phase is action planning. To make this more manageable, we aim to focus on three geographical areas. We are looking forward to working in these local areas. As part of this work, we will engage people with lived experience of food insecurity in the work of the alliance.



The mapping of indicators of food insecurity across the region has been a mammoth task, but we are looking forward to using this valuable information moving forward to develop localised action plans.

Hayley Richards, Chair
South Wales Food Poverty Alliance

Outcomes

- We are now in a strong position to produce a detailed report highlighting the scale of food insecurity across the region which will help us to work towards a joined-up response to food poverty.
- There is significant momentum for working with people, communities and organisations from three local authority areas to take our action planning forward.

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