

Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Food poverty, food relief
and food resilience.

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The rise of emergency food provision in the UK

- Food Aid in the UK Research Summit, Portcullis House, Westminster, 9th April 2014.
- Two Key pieces of research
- February – November 2011- the Trussell Food Bank Network. (Lambie 2011)
- September 2011-Sept 2014 Emergency Food provision in the UK: Understanding its Rise and Implications.

Trussell Trust (Food Banks) and other independent models

- In 2011 there were 148 Food Banks
- In 2014 the figure stood at 400 Food Banks.

Independent models:

- Soup kitchens,
- Food parcels,
- Food aid,
- Breakfast programmes,
- Night shelters,
- Secondary food relief from business,
- Food education

Current climate

- Unprecedented cuts to Public Services
- Welfare Reform
 - “Bedroom Tax”
 - Universal credit
- Low income
- Vulnerable households
- “Due North”

Next steps

Comprehensive understanding of:

- What's out there?
- Who provides it?
- How do people / organisations can access it?
- When it is provided?

Resilience

- Responsibility
- Who?
- Public: Government – Central / Local
- Private: Business, private enterprise, social responsibility
- Third Sector – community / voluntary /not for profit / social enterprise.