Case study:
A joined up approach to food poverty in Brighton & Hove

Why?
Brighton & Hove has seen an increase in food poverty, with the number of food banks increasing from 2 to at least 10.

Food Banks and Emergency Food Network
In 2013, the Food Partnership set up this network so that emergency food providers could share learning, improve links with advice services and take a ‘bottom up’ approach to identifying food poverty issues, which the Food Partnership then bring to decision makers.

Joining up resources
Food poverty awareness training sessions plus a regularly updated web page ensure that advisors, volunteers and health workers can signpost to both emergency food aid and support with underlying issues.

Other pieces in our city’s jigsaw
• Projects such as community lunch clubs and school holiday summer clubs
• Anti-poverty initiatives including financial and digital inclusion; fuel poverty reduction; and campaigns for living and dignified benefit levels.
• Cookery lessons and advice on shopping and eating well on a budget
• Good quality community meals (‘meals on wheels’) as these reach those who can’t access help elsewhere.
• The Brighton & Hove Living wage campaign.

Resources webpage:
www.bhfood.org.uk/food-poverty-advice-for-advisors
How to refer people to emergency food in Brighton & Hove and what else to consider

Are they...?

Not eligible for Local Discretionary Social Fund (LDSF)

Too hungry to think and in need of a meal?

Eligible for Local Discretionary Social Fund (LDSF)

On means-tested benefits or tax credits, or a low income

Parents or carers of kids under 5 in: Moulsecoomb Whitehawk and Tarring

Support for underlying issues

Advice Services and money advice

www.advicebrighton-hove.org.uk

Support with debt, benefits, fuel bills and referrals to food banks

Food banks

Food bank plus a package of advice for families with children under 5

Emergency food (not for long term use) and signposting to advice (NB. A few are ‘drop-in’ but most need a referral)

Lunch clubs
Growing projects
Community cafes
Community cookery classes

Food Banks

Supermarket gift card

Help in an emergency: with food, goods and fuel bills

Drop-in food banks

Children’s centre food banks

For more information and contact details see:
www.bhfood.org.uk/food-poverty-advice-for-advisors

Brighton Unemployed Centre Families Project (BUCFP)
Free lunch (in an emergency) and support (Mon-Fri 10am-6pm or... Soup Run etc. evenings and weekends)

LDSF – Local discretionary social fund

Guardians of kids under 5, in the right areas

BUCFP Free lunch (in an emergency) and advice (Mon to Friday).

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Community and longer term options

• Lunch clubs
• Growing projects
• Community cafes
• Community cookery classes

Brighton & Hove Food Partnership

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