

Response to Request for Information

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Support for Local Foodbanks

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, how much has the Council spent supporting local foodbanks to diversify the help they are able to give specifically in relation to Universal Credit.

In response to your above question, City of Wolverhampton Council do not support foodbanks financially, but they are included in the organisations that the Welfare Rights Service supports with benefits information and advice, including Universal Credit. They are provided with Benefit Bulletins and included in the distribution list for free benefits training provided by our Specialist Support Team. We have also had regular meetings with the foodbank providers to discuss key problem areas in relation to benefits.