

Storehouse Update for CTiS AGM 2017

Our Drop-ins have continued to be busy throughout the entire summer. Usually, we have a dip in July and August with both donations and visitors. However, this year, we have continued to receive good levels of food donations and we have also seen an increase in visits to our Drop-ins.

In fact, compared to last year, the drop-ins are 62% busier.

As we head into the Autumn, we are expecting to be supporting people for longer as the new Universal Credit Benefit is rolled out to replace all other benefits. Although it looks to be an improved system in the long-term, the impact on someone transferring onto the UC is horrendous as their current benefit is stopped and the transfer process takes around 6 weeks. This means that they will receive no payments for at least 6 weeks. With no savings and nothing to fall back on, Storehouse is their safety-net to stop them going under. We regularly hear people saying that they had suicidal thoughts or have attempted suicide because of the pressures they are under.

We now work more closely with a number of key organisations who send representatives along to our Drop-ins so that they can be on hand to offer further help.

Thank you for all your food donations. We might be on the frontline, seeing people face to face, but without your support and supply of food and finance, we would have little to give.

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