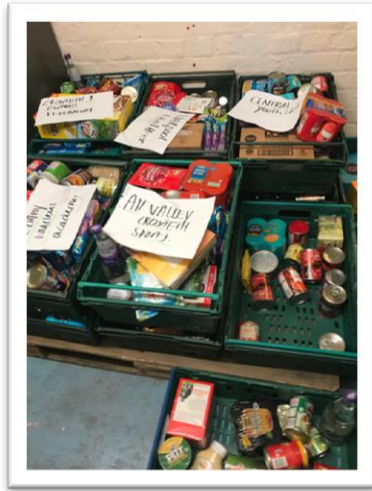


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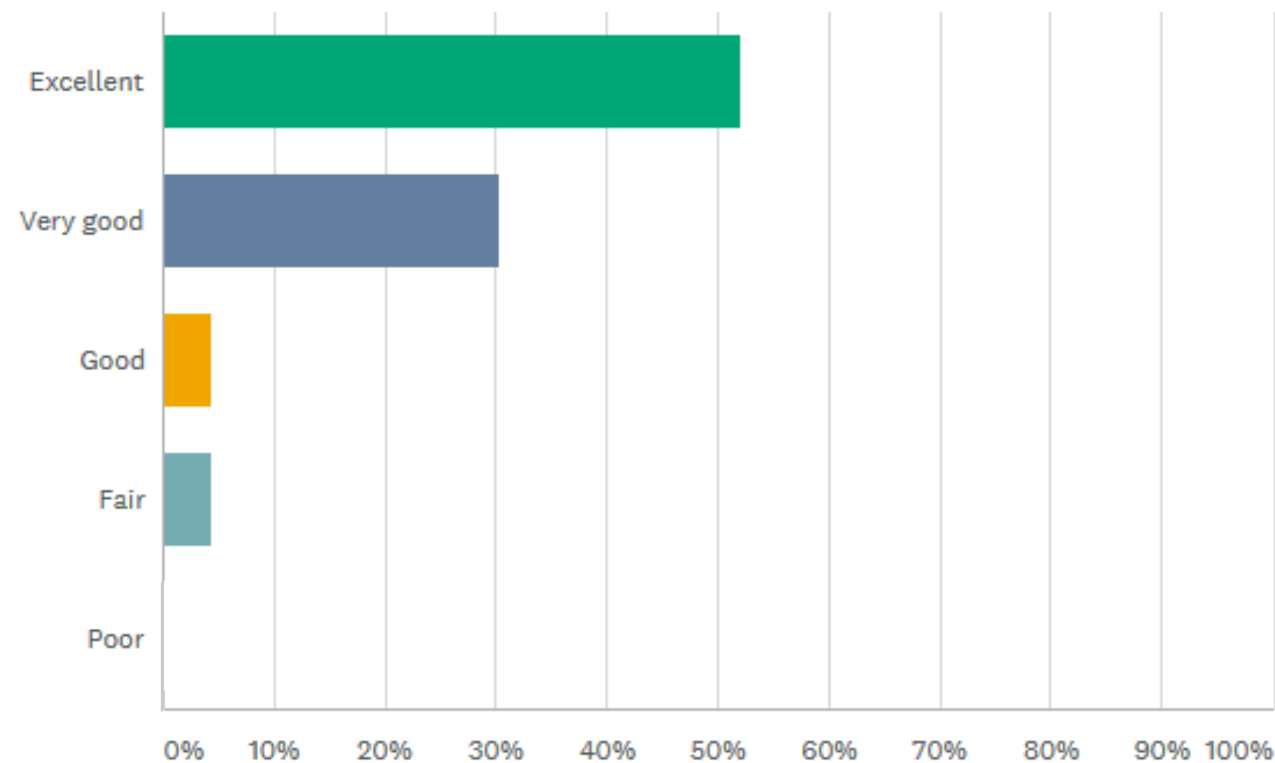
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- During Summer 2019 Merseyside Play Action Council (MPAC) provided additional food to the most hard pressed play schemes across the city.
- Liverpool Play Partnership provides funding for play scheme activity throughout the year at each school holiday period. It is normal for play schemes to provide food to all children attending. During 2018 alone 126,000 meals and snacks were provided.
- In preparation for Summer, MPAC in conjunction with FareShare established a food hub. The food hub was situated at the MPAC building on Bridport Street in the city centre. It was managed by full time MPAC staff and volunteers and it was open Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30 pm
- MPAC received one tonne of ambient food a week from FareShare over the Summer holidays which consisted of dry/ambient items such as pasta, rice and cereal and tinned food. The majority of food was delivered by MPAC staff directly to play schemes.
- 70 play schemes had access to the food hub over the summer holiday period.
- MPAC carry out monitoring visits and evaluations as part of the Liverpool Play Partnership funding agreements with the play schemes. We believe the hub has met the “INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE” section of the Mayoral Inclusive Growth Plan.
- “We need to give our children the best possible start in life by supporting parents and others to provide a safe and secure environment in which to grow, play and learn. Parenting and the home environment have the greatest impact on a child's early years and their future life chances. Infants who are born into healthy, physically active, productive families are far more likely to experience better health and development outcomes throughout childhood and as adults. Unfortunately, the extent of child poverty in the city makes it difficult for families to live and experience those healthier life styles and the impact of poverty can set a new born child on a life long curse of disparities in health outcomes, and can result in behavioural issues and poor school performance. In 2014, 1/3 of Liverpool's children were living in poverty and the rate is increasing nationally. Too many of Liverpool's children start school already lagging behind the expected level of development at age five.” The Mayors Inclusive Growth Plan



Feedback

Overall, how would you rate the LPP summer food hub service?



This is only a small amount of the positive feedback we received, many play schemes where pleased with the amount of food and variety they received.

What types of food did you receive from the Food Hub

- Tinned food - beans, spaghetti, soups etc. some sweets snack and biscuits.
 - Fresh fruit & veg tinned produces dried food boxed cereal/bars sweets
- All sorts, cereals pasta tuna bread biscuits tinned goods beans etc.
 - Various tinned foods, assorted soups, beans, spaghetti, curries, vegetables, dried food pasta, biscuits, cereals, breakfast bars, tea Tinned soups large variety, beans, packed fruit, fresh vegetables, bottle water, pasta, rice, tea bags - we were really happy with the selection/types of food
 - We received tinned goods and biscuits and yes we were happy
 - Pasta, soups
 - Soup beans cereal
- A good variety of tins, crisps and sweet snacks which are great for kids during the school holidays
- cereal canned foods for lunches fresh produce and fruit a great selection that helped the community
- Soups, cereals canned goods including beans , spaghetti ravioli . Water and pasta
- Tins, snacks, veg, essentials such as salt, dry food such as pasta
- Pasta rice soups beans biscuits teabags tinned meat breakfast cereals and bars sugar tinned veg we were more than happy thinking we would just get a load of rice or pasta but the variety was great

Feedback

What difference did the extra food supplies make to your Summer Play Scheme?

- It gave kids food they wouldn't have otherwise
- Families were able to top up on necessary food stuff over the summer holidays for the children
 - It meant that the money that spent on food could go further
 - the opportunity to offer more of a variety of hot and cold meals/snacks
 - We were able to provide more snacks including breakfast.
- It provided us with some fabulous fresh fruit (watermelon), which the children loved. We were able to use the tinned soup and offer some tasty treats too!
 - We were able to feed the young people who attend all of our sessions; we would not have been able to do this without the extra food.
 - We were able to use ingredients to provide daily cookery sessions, to share with families.
 - It enabled us to offer regular snacks on top of the meals we were providing.
 - We used the food stuff for children and families that suffer hardship and lack of funds. The summer holidays is always difficult for families as the children receive no free dinners etc. as during school times and this increases the financial burden they already struggle with. Food supplies were used to support for breakfast, lunch and snacks
 - It was used to make breakfasts lunches and snacks and we also made bags up for our families that struggle over the holidays
 - It made a lot of difference, there was plenty variety of soups, beans, fresh fruit and veg. We used it in the play scheme and what was left we gave to the families who were really made up
 - We made great use of the food donated :)
 - A big difference - in previous years we have had to impose a small charge. Thanks to LPP we were able to offer free healthy meals
 - We could feed more kids
 - Good difference. It helped add to the meals and gave us options
- The extra food supplies meant that we could provide meals for families and provide support to some families in need of additional food to take away, We also engaged with more people and had more children at breakfast club
- We were able to make more meals, bigger portion sizes and also give extra food parcels to families who needed it most during the 6 weeks holidays.

Liverpool Play Partnership (LPP) Summer 2019 Food Hub - Play Scheme Survey



- Over 7 tonnes of ambient food were delivered directly to 30 play schemes
 - Over 70 play schemes had access to the food hub
- Over 54,000 meals and snacks provided to children and young people in Liverpool over Summer 2019