

**HSF6 Planned activities**

**Notes**  
 All grey boxes require a written response.  
 If there is nothing to report in a cell, write "N/A". Only use "N/A" where you have no reported spend for that category. For example, if you have reported a spend of 0 for tangible items, you will record "N/A" in the box below "tangible items".  
 Any sections which have had a reported spend in previous tabs needs a written explanation.  
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 You must refer to the full guidance document when completing this tab to ensure you have provided all necessary information.

**21) Planned activities - Categories**

Food (excluding FSM support in the holidays)	FSM support in the holidays	Energy and water	Essentials linked to energy and water	Wider essentials	Housing costs	Advice services
Families in receipt of FSM one off £50 voucher per child Other Middlesbrough families in receipt of FSM, on UCI/HE or have CTR by application (£50 voucher per child). Part of the offering for those not in receipt of benefits will allow them to choose between this or wider essentials support. Amount of award is £35 for a single applicant, for a couple £45 or for households with children, £50 per child (voucher if choosing food support). Singles / Couples in receipt of benefits, £35 voucher for a single person and £45 voucher for a couple Funds will be provided to third party providers	N/A	Energy vouchers can be provided to those who have a pre-payment meter Payment to pensioners in receipt of CTR who do not qualify for a winter fuel payment to support with energy costs. Payment, per household Born pre 23 September 1944 - £200 Born between 23 September 1944 and 22 September 1958 - £150 In receipt of Attendance Allowance, not entitled to the Winter Fuel Payment or another part of the Household Support Funding £100 per household Application based claim for non-CTR/benefit pensioners Income must be less than £20,000 if single household and £26,000 if a	funding has been assigned to provide residents with energy efficient white goods	E40k, has been assigned to children's services to provide essentials to families / children who are presenting as vulnerable NB... Part of the offering for those not in receipt of benefits allows for people to make a choice between food voucher or support with other essentials		E12k has been assigned to support 3rd party organisations.

**22) Planned activities - Types of Support**

Vouchers	Cash awards	Third party organisations	Tangible items	Other
Energy vouchers will be issued where people have the required meter Food vouchers will be used to support people on most routes and this is done to allow them to free up disposable income to support with energy costs	These will be made where we are not able to provide vouchers digitally, mainly for pensioners, and is designed to support with energy costs	Funds have been assigned to various third parties who have applied for help - food banks, eco shops, energy support and HAF support to extend the scheme	Energy efficient white goods are available to residents in crisis who require support as well as essentials such as beds, coats etc	Advice services have been assigned to this currently As part of the application process for those not in receipt of benefits we are offering different methods of support for their wider essentials, this amount may change depending on what choice the resident makes

**23) Planned activities - Access Routes**

Application-based support	Proactive support	Other
Application for households in receipt of FSM where children are not of school age or attend an out of area school. There will be an application form for people not in receipt of benefits Applications for tangible items. An application form for people in receipt of benefits and an application process for pensioners	Those in receipt of FSM in Middlesbrough schools. Pensioners who have entitlement to Council Tax Reduction and will not receive a winter fuel payment, will receive automatic awards where details were gathered by application under the previous scheme	Third party support has currently been loaded in to this section

**24) Planned activities - Further information**

Please refer to guidance document for questions to respond to using this field

A detailed plan and timeline has been put together ensuring support will be available to different categories of households throughout the fund period.

We have a dedicated website page which contains all links to applications and details of eligibility. We utilise digital support such as facebook and depending on who we are trying to reach we will write to households or send text messages to promote applications. We also work closely with other departments to ensure that people such as social workers, welfare rights team etc are aware and can verbally promote the scheme and assist with applications where necessary.

We are targeting households in receipt of benefits across varying household compositions and we are also targeting those in work who are not in receipt of benefits where they are struggling to meet their basic needs due to inflationary pressures. Targeted support for pensioners who are no longer eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment but on a low income.

Residents are verified using the council tax / benefits data held; bank statements and other evidence is collected for some of the applications. Third party organisations have a template to provide regular updates on how the funding is being used and will have a meeting every 2 months to review this.

We do have a local welfare assistance scheme that continues to run alongside the HSF funding; this opens up additional avenues to offer support to residents who present in crisis allowing us to point people to the most appropriate support for their needs.

We evaluate effectiveness of the different elements of the scheme on an on-going basis and this is done within the normal administration costs.