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April – December 2021

Holiday Activities and Food Programme



Hampshire
County Council



The HAF Programme

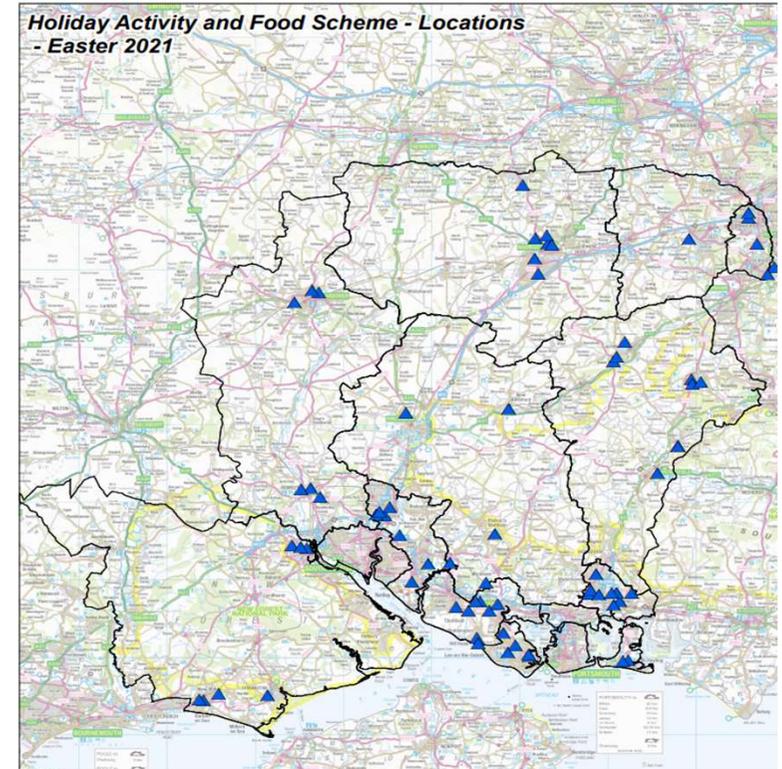
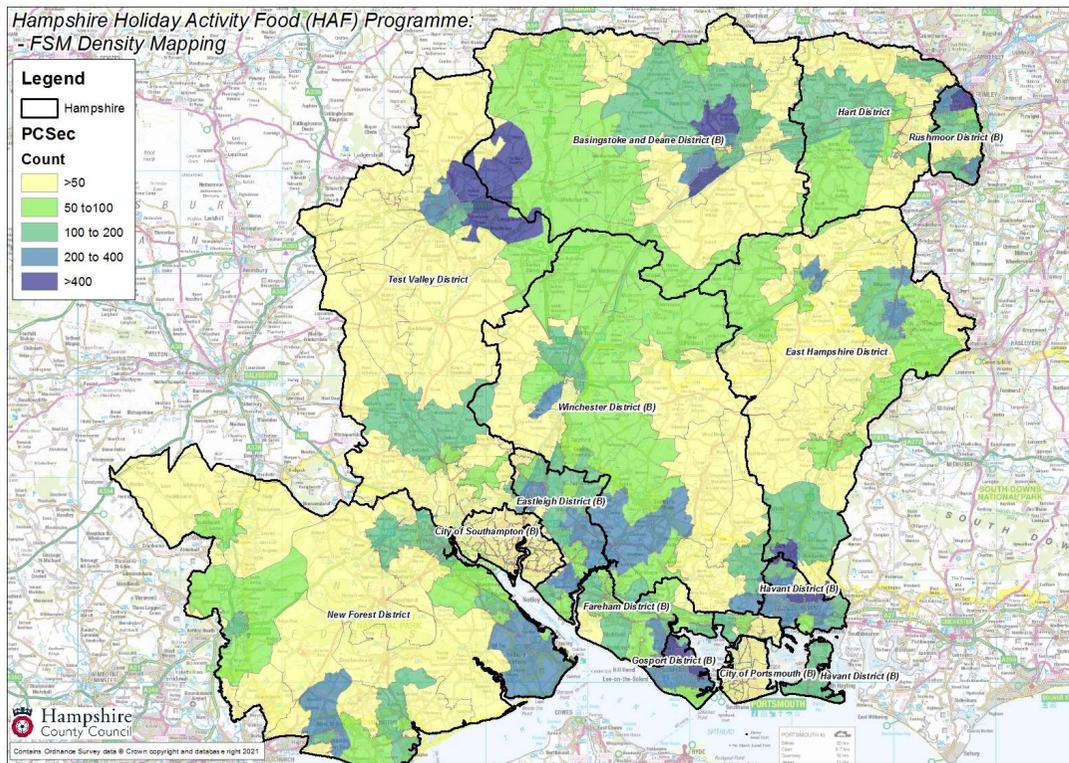
- DfE funding: £3.3M for Hampshire
- To fund holiday activity schemes to include a meal for benefits-eligible FSM children and young people
- Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays
 - one week at Easter
 - four weeks in the summer, and
 - a week at Christmas
- Sessions of at least 4 hours
- Hampshire has c.26,384 FSM eligible children and young people. Aiming to commission 8,000 – 13,000 spaces



Programme Aims

- To eat more healthily over the school holidays
- To be more active during the school holidays
- To take part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character and well being along with their wider education attainment
- To be safe and not to be socially isolated
- To have greater knowledge of health nutrition
- To be more engaged with school and other local services

Distribution of Benefits-Eligible Free School Meal Children and Easter Supply



Easter 2021

- 71 applications were received from 33 organisations
- Three types of grant:
 - Grant Type A – Adding New Places
 - Grant Type B – Branching Out
 - Grant Type C – Creating and Connecting
- 51 grant awards up to a total value of £384,576.
- 6,330 places were commissioned on existing activity schemes (grant types A and B), 89% of those places were booked for eligible children. 82% of booked places were attended.
- Grant type C provided an additional 3,370 places.

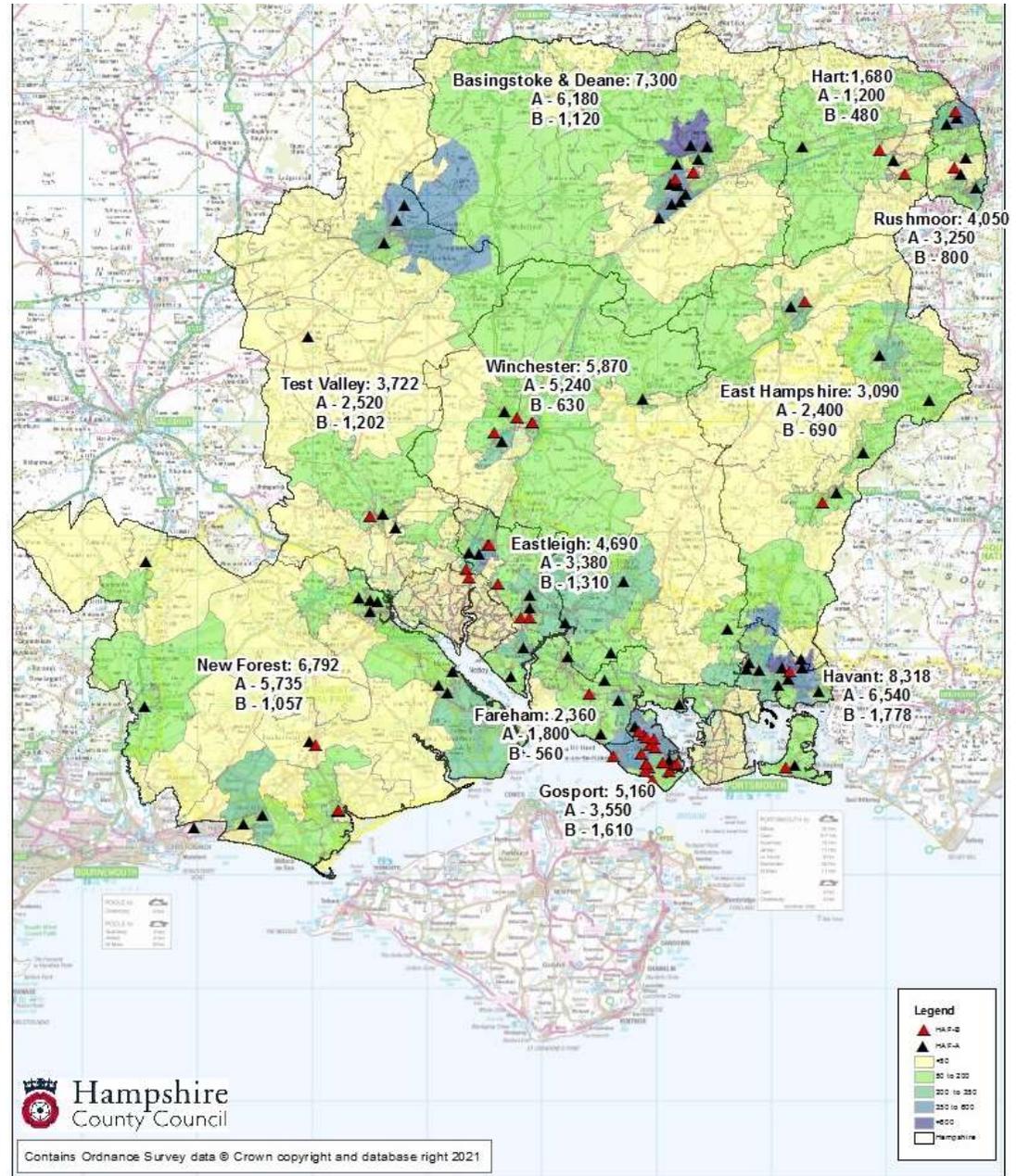
Lessons Learned

- Smaller, community-based providers were more successful in achieving high take up of places
- Larger providers sometimes relied on electronic booking systems
- While activity and food provision was good, providers did not always meet the other HAF standards for:
 - Signposting to other support providers
 - Nutritional education for children and for families
- There were some gaps in provision across rural areas and in small pockets of deprivation

Summer 2021

- On 8 June 2021, Councillor Chadd approved 108 separate grant awards totalling approximately £2.06 million.
- Two types of grant:
 - Grant Type A – Existing or New Childcare Places
 - Grant Type B – Events, short activities, innovative projects and initiatives
- Under Type A applications were received from 40 organisations for 94 projects.
- Under Type B applications were received from 17 organisations for 45 projects.
- The Summer Hampshire HAF Programme through the recommended awards aims to secure 53,032 places, which will provide for 6,778 – 13,556 FSM children to access the scheme.
- There are 59 schools that DFE have informed will be doing Summer Catch up of which 13 (22%) have HAF projects on site. DFE final date for schools to offer is 30 June 2021.

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Applying Lessons Learnt from Easter

- All areas of Hampshire have some provision, including rural areas and pockets of deprivation, as well as the areas with large numbers of FSM children
- There is a defined signposting offer, supported by referral information and video snippets
- There is a comprehensive training offer for providers, covering all the HAF standards, as well as other topics of relevance such as managing behaviour, Covid and mental health
- Information is being provided on incorporating nutritional education in HAF schemes
- A webinar on converting bookings to take up of places is being held to address non-attendance.

Partners and Signposting

Positive engagement with our partners and offers continually being explored, evolving and confirmed:

Libraries
Book Trust
Southern Health
Public Health
Hampshire CCGs
Job Centre Plus
Citizens Advice
Voluntary Services
Food banks and pantries
HC3S
Police
Schools
Districts and Boroughs

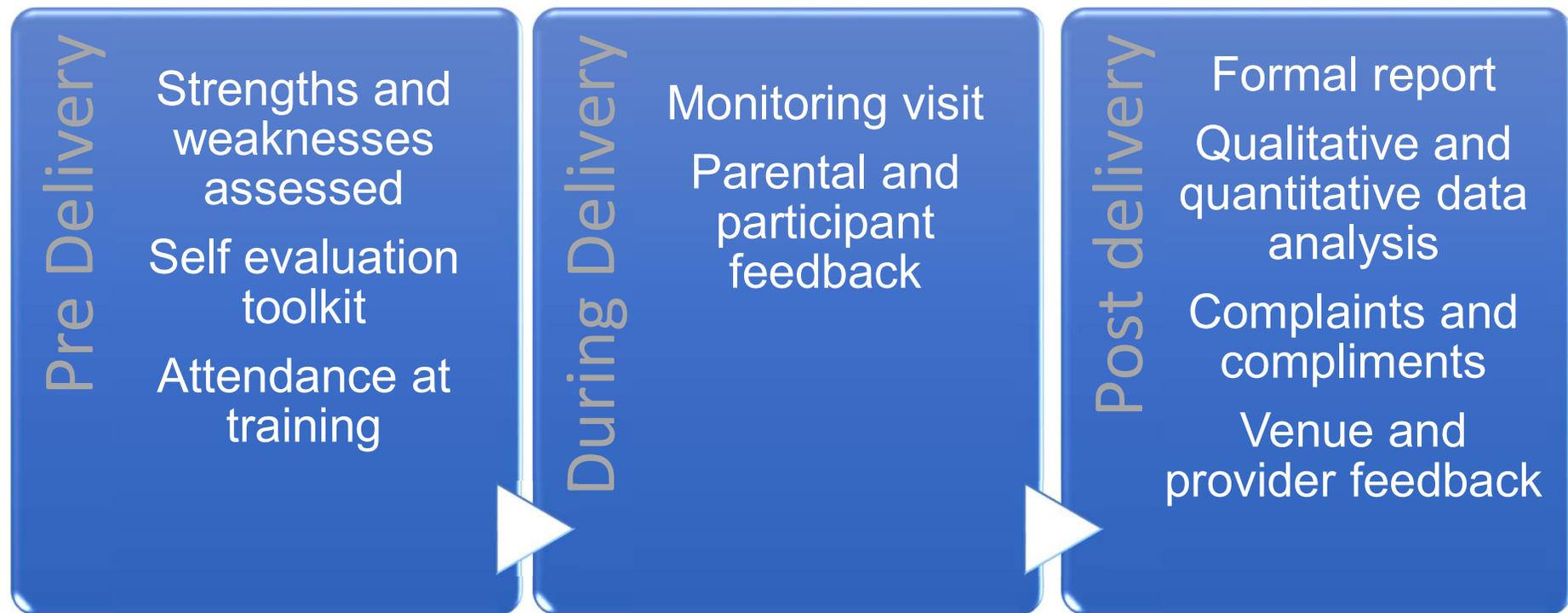


- Contacts for relevant services, e.g. school nurse teams, food pantries, Citizen's Advice
- Useful information, e.g. the Kooth mental health app for young people, the Summer Reading Challenge and literacy support by libraries, Job Centre Plus
- Links to additional resources, including video clips by advice agencies on available services
- Provider training sessions

Provider Training and Induction

Session	Date	Topic	Details
1	28/29 June	Welcome, Introductions and Induction	Terms and conditions of funding; managing bookings; managing attendance; HAF standards; Monitoring tool; OFSTED registration
2	5/6 July	Covid Management	Latest Covid advice for settings; FISH – the Family Information and Services Hub; the MOODLE learning platform and other training resources
3	12/13 July	Food, Nutrition and Physical Activity	
4	19/20 July	Safeguarding, Signposting & Referrals to Support	

Provider Monitoring





Any Questions?

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