

## **Foodbanks**

There will be occasions when claimants find themselves in emergency situations and indicate that they require assistance from a foodbank.

DWP operates a foodbank signposting service to support claimants in this situation. Foodbanks do not need to be part of the Trussell Trust Network to be included in the Signposting Service.

The instructions for the signposting process are held on the District Provision Tool (DPT). The DPT includes details of the local food banks offering help to claimants. Any other local support or provision that may be appropriate should also be identified.

Before signposting a claimant to a foodbank, all available support, including any payments due or eligibility for an advance payment, must be explored and exhausted.

In addition to the engagement with local foodbanks by the Partnership Manager it is recommended that each jobcentre has either a single point of contact or a named officer. This is to ensure effective communication with the local foodbanks and the jobcentre.