

# Community Food Pantries: Increasing Access to Affordable Food



## What are we trying to achieve?

We are aiming to reduce food poverty and increase access to affordable food by increasing membership of community pantries which provide a more dignified and sustainable alternative to foodbanks.

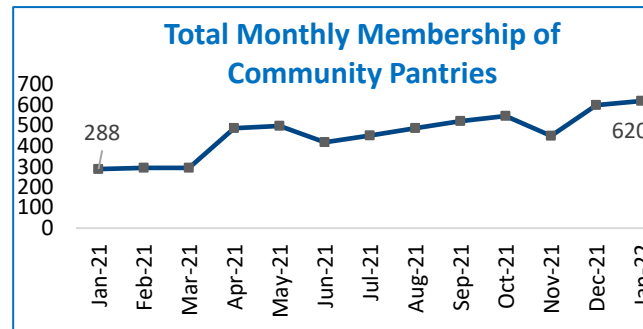
## How are we doing this?

Through our multi agency improvement project we are testing the following improvements:

- Targeted support to people receiving emergency food parcels to help them to become pantry members
- A booking system to help remove any barriers from stigma & ensure COVID restriction protocols in place to keep all safe
- A mobile pantry to increase access to affordable food across the city
- Opportunities & support for volunteers to manage the pantries

## What have we achieved?

- **115%** increase in total pantry membership between January 2021 & January 2022



- **188%** increase in pantry volunteers since Jan 2021
- Since Dec 2020 total membership of the CFINE pantry has increased each month & is now up to **379** members.
- Since Aug 2021, targeted support has led to **8** beneficiaries move from emergency food parcels to pantry members
- As of Jan 2022, the mobile pantry has **42** members and available in **5** neighbourhoods

## What impact have we had?

*“The Pantry is brilliant, such value for money. You pay £2.50 and leave with over £20 of food. I tell all my friends to join. Even with the new system, it is great, I feel really safe and everything is done so well with the one way system, but it’s a shame we aren’t allowed in the coffee bar, I really miss that. “*

