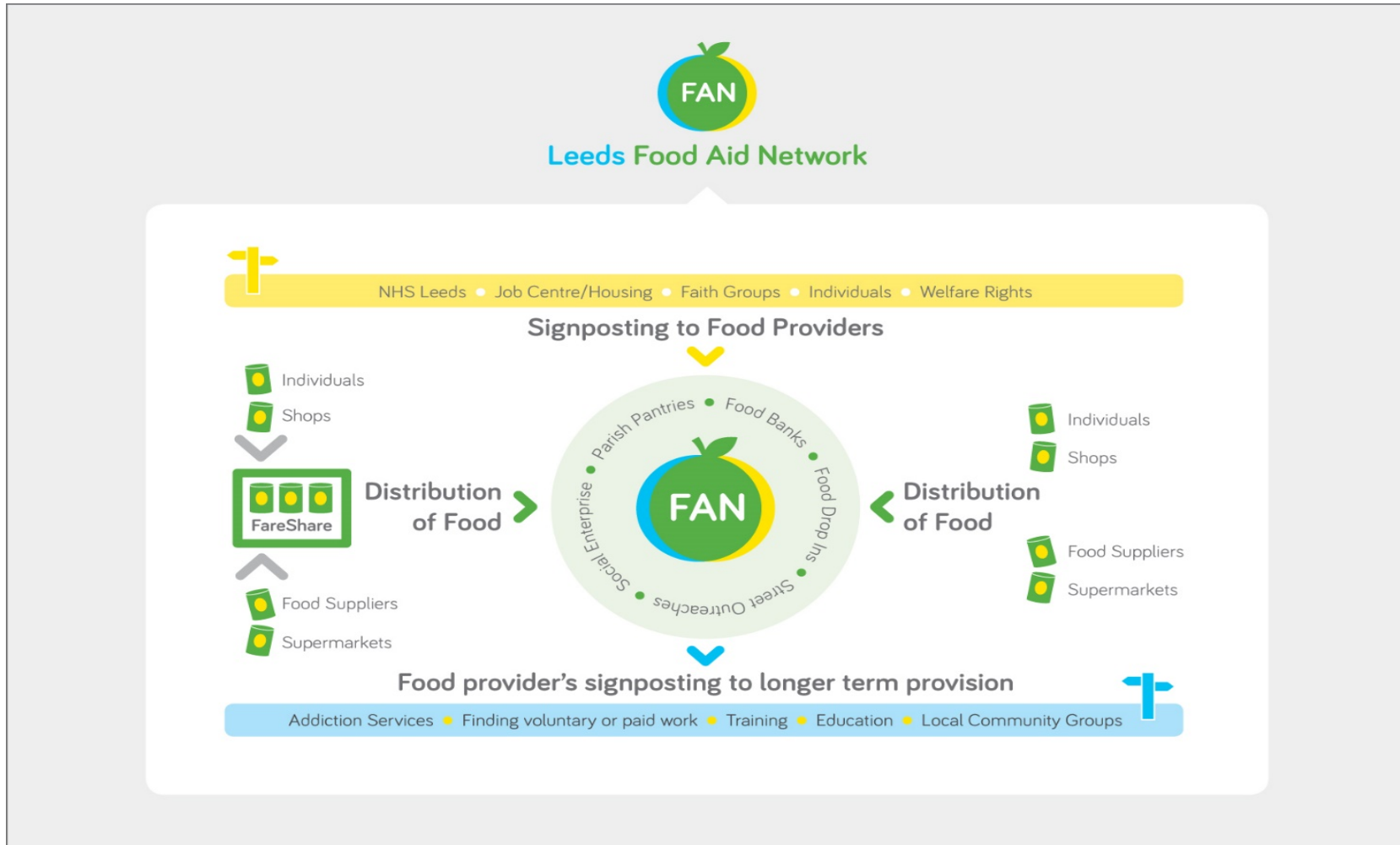




# Leeds Food Aid Network









## Leeds Food Aid Response to Covid19

- From Regional and National Conversations its become clear that those cities who had pre existing networks and relationships in place across food distributors (FareShare), foodbanks / food aid providers and their local Council have often been able to respond quickly and most effectively to the Covid19 Crisis.

This power point gives a snap shot of the Leeds response between mid March and the end of April 2020.



## Delivery Systems

- By the 19<sup>th</sup> March Leeds was able to establish its first Delivery System between Leeds FAN and a business / charity called **We Care Leeds**.
- On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March the Councils revamped Welfare Support Scheme was established and has developed a Traffic Light System. This is run by the city Council and heavily supported by Food Distributors **FareShare Yorkshire** and **Food Revival**.
- People are placed into different categories
- **Red – Urgent - Person receives a Direct Delivery from Council/FareShare**
- **Amber – Person is connected to one of the 33 Covid19 Community Hubs and a volunteer sources a food parcel from the Hub / Foodbank.**
- **Green – Person can afford to pay so their referral is sent to Covid19 community Hub. A volunteer gets an electronic voucher which can be used at a supermarket to buy food. Volunteer takes to the persons house and then the person in question reimburses over the phone.**

# Central Distribution Warehouse for Welfare Support Scheme - Partnership working between City Council, FareShare and Food Revival



# Foodbanks

- Leeds North and West Foodbank Outlets (Trussell Trust) – Has been able to keep open 8 of its 9 foodbank outlets (Mid March to 1<sup>st</sup> May)
- Leeds South and East Foodbank – Has been able to reopen 7 of its 11 Foodbank Outlets (Mid March to 1<sup>st</sup> May).
- Both these large foodbanks are moving to a more centralised delivery system.
- Holbeck Foodbank – Its pre existing delivery model is serving the communities of Holbeck and Beeston well.
- St George's Crypt – Continues to run a foodbank in Armley and is very kindly supporting a number of agencies with food parcels.
- Otley Foodbank has remained open.
- Wetherby Foodbank has remained open.
- 4 Central Community Hubs have also remained open in West, South, East Leeds and in the City Centre.



## Soup Kitchen model.

The following Churches / Projects are providing food on the door step.

- Neruka's Soup Kitchen
- Soup and More
- St Martins Community Kitchen
- Streetwise
- St Vincents are providing meals.
- St George's Crypt and the Salvation Army are feeding people on the doors step in the city centre supporting people who may be homeless or vulnerably housed.

# Neruka receiving Food on behalf of Neruka's Soup Kitchen.



## Food for the Homeless

Through Leeds FAN and the Leeds Homeless Charter we have worked with the Street Support Team to ensure groups do not go out on the Street to give out food. This has included some police intervention.

We have asked all groups to provide snack bags for the hotels where many of the homeless have been accommodated. The majority of these are collected by the Leeds Rhino's Foundation and taken from individual houses and taken to the hotels on an evening.

This currently involves 6 Grass Root Groups and is providing a positive alternative to handing out food on the street in the city centre.

30 lunch packs are provided every weekday by Leeds FAN and the Crypt for Simon on the Streets to use on street outreach during the day.

In the first week Leeds FAN / Homeless Charter provided over 400 lunch packs before provision was taken on by the Council who now do 200 lunch packs a day alongside a cooked meal for the different hotels and accommodation outlets.

## Leeds Rhino's Foundation collecting snack bags from Homeless Street Angels for the Hotels



# West Yorkshire Food Poverty Network



- UPA, who chair Leeds FAN also chair the West Yorkshire Food Poverty Network.
- This brings together representatives from Leeds FAN, Feeding Bradford, Kirklees Food Providers Network, Wakefield Food Aid Network and Calderdale. This network is officially part of Feeding Britain which was established former MP Frank Field.
- So far Feeding Britain has helped source £30,000 worth of stock for the 5 areas through Feeding purchasing from Brakes Food and His Church. Key donations have often come into Food Revival in Leeds and food has either been collected or distributed across the Region by the Leeds Rhino's Foundation.



# Delivery from Leeds to Holme Valley Foodbank in Kirklees



# Pic of foodbank volunteer from the Leeds North and West Foodbank (Gateway / St Marks Outlet)



