

In Term 1&2, EHT had direct requests for family support from 10 schools across the isles



Interaction with Schools and Local Areas:

At the end of January 2021, the Project Officers have had, at a minimum, a conversation with all Head Teachers, on a one-to-one basis.

The purpose of the conversations has been to:

- discover what difficulties families have been facing in each geographical area;
- provide an opportunity for Head Teachers to discuss how they've approached contacting and supporting families in their school community;
- share additional supports available to families, such as the Pathway, CAB, and the Food Larder;
- share the original work of Anchor, at Sound, including practical support that can be provided to the school, and their families, through the Early Help Team; and
- gather data such as school rolls, uptake of benefit, uptake of current support from schools.

It continues to be a gradual process of building up the knowledge and skills of schools to have conversations with families. Evidence suggests that, over time, more and more teachers are understanding their wider role of support to families:

- In a recent pre-training questionnaire for the Money Worries session, the majority of teachers believed it was not their role to speak to households about finances. However, during the session, they were beginning to share experiences and started to see it as part of their wider role;
- The experience of the Project Officers enables them to share with Head Teachers that a family may not engage immediately, and not wish to speak, but persistence pays off.



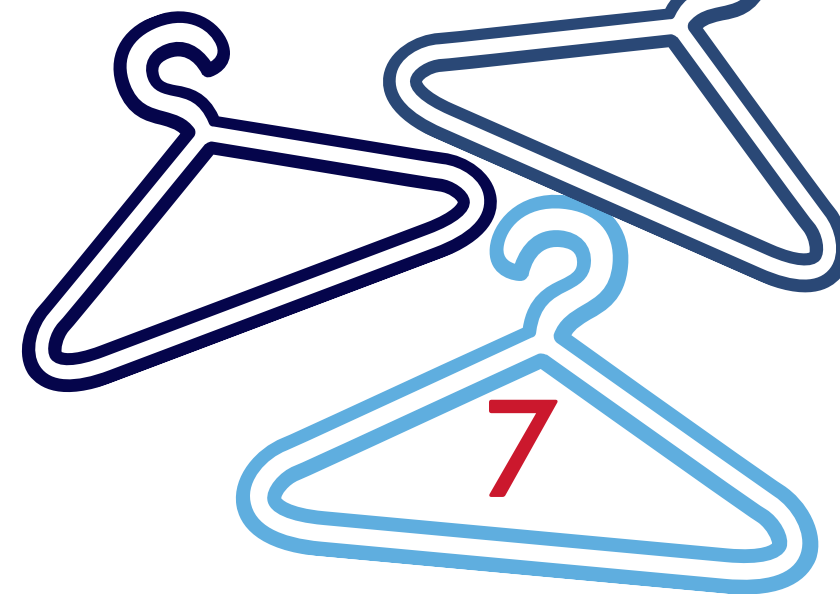
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individuals have entered the Employability Pathway for support with starting college and obtaining PT employment



individuals have been helped with vouchers for local shops to purchase food, electricity and clothes

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families have been helped with second-hand winter clothes and footwear



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No. of children directly benefiting from food parcels



EHT has made 13 referrals to CAB. For checks on benefit eligibility, community care grant queries, and debt advice

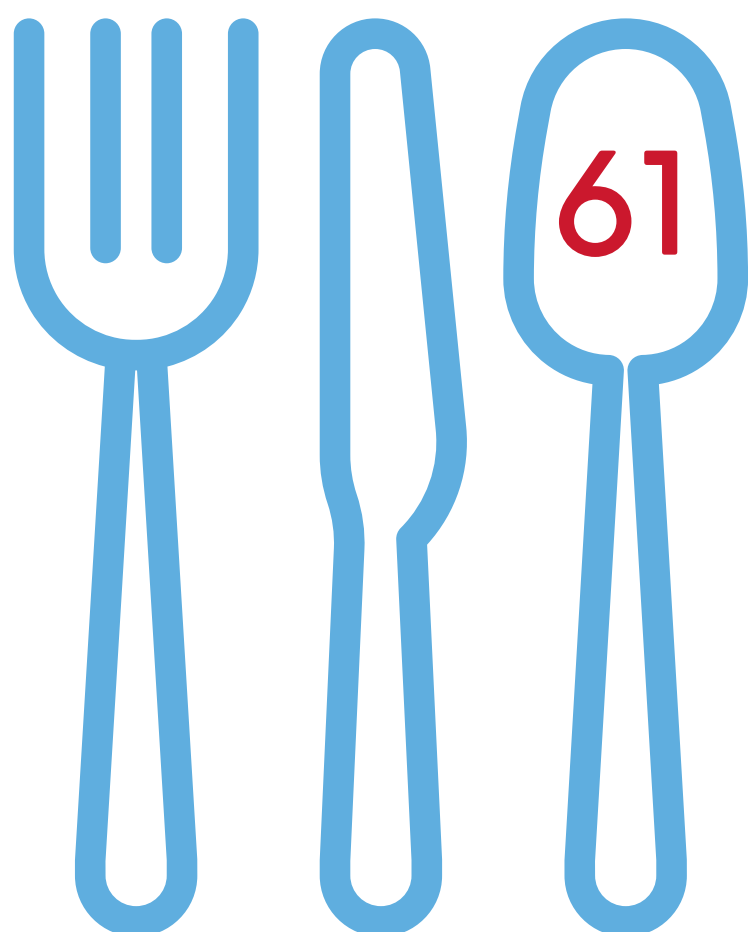
Youth & Employability Service

EHT have been working closely with Youth Development Workers and the Employability Pathway team, meeting weekly. Requests of Support for Young People through schools, now come directly to the EHT Project Officers.

Practical Support

EHT have been working in collaboration with the Criminal Justice Payback Team to deliver food parcels to schools, fortnightly. Often, schools are aware that a family can require a little extra support regarding other issues e.g. redundancy, debt, fuel poverty. Delivery of food parcels, by school staff, provides an opportunity to speak with the family. Families have also been supported with second-hand clothes and vouchers.

EHT have been working alongside [Transition Turriefield](#) supplying a number of households with locally grown veg boxes. We are evolving this relationship further to run workshops for families on how to grow their own fresh produce.



No. of households receiving fortnightly food parcels

More information on practical supports can be found here: [Early Help Team](#)



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