

Euston Foodbank lockdown update November 2020

We continue to run four sessions a week at the usual times during the November Lockdown.

Euston Foodbank rose to the challenge presented by the pandemic lockdown, and in the six months since [1st April](#), we have supported more clients than in the whole twelve months of the previous financial year.

Months/year	Weight	adults	children	total
12 months April 2019-March 2020	87,977 kg	5549	1365	6914
6 months April 2020-Sept 2020	97,316 kg	6023	1423	7446

Of the people who have come to the foodbank in the last six months, 35% are settled from Camden and 55% homeless in Camden. The vast majority are single adults.

During the six month period of the lockdown, we have purchased £10,424.25 worth of goods to make sure our parcels did not lack any items. This was made possible by generous donations, for which we are very grateful.

The main reasons people came to the foodbank were benefit changes and delays, low income and homelessness. There has been a shift from single homeless clients, who were stranded when the construction industry shut down, or were housed in hotels without food or cooking facilities, to the bigger families from the estates. This is due in part to “pop-up” foodbanks closing, but mainly to the collapse of the gig economy that sustained many people locally – driving mini cabs, supply waiter jobs and suchlike.

With the second spike of the covid 19 virus upon us, and people falling redundant with (almost) the end of the furlough scheme and the impact on the economy we are gearing up for an even more challenging autumn and winter.