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Distributing food from larger premises has been much easier, not only for our volunteers, but also for our clients, who are able to wait in the front quadrangle instead of on the road and pavements. We are so glad that the move has been in time to cope with the upsurge in demand due not only to continued austerity, but spiralling energy costs leaving families unable to put food on the table for their children, and old age pensioners having to choose between heating and eating. Life has become grimmer for millions in this nation.

Before the foodbank could move, there were remedial works to complete for building compliance with health and safety requirements – electrical, plumbing and so forth. This took some months but we were able to move at the end of August. As it turned out we had a school kitchen and spare classroom, we have Food for All UK preparing meals there which are then distributed from their rickshaws, often five thousand meals a day. It is congenial to share with a like minded charity.

Trussell Trust Emergency Parcels Distributed 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

| | Adults | Children | Total | Percentage |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| United Kingdom | 1,846,650 | 832,109 | 2,173,158 | |
| London | 238,902 | 145,575 | 384,477 | 17.7% of UK |
| Camden Borough | 27,825 | 16,884 | 44,709 | 11.6% of London |
| Euston Foodbank | 24,672 | 15,389 | 40,061 | 89.6% of Camden |

Euston Foodbank is still providing the majority of Emergency Parcels in Camden reported to the Trussell Trust Annual Statistics. There are many other emergency food initiatives nationally, regionally and locally

There has been a 63% increase in people seeking support from Euston Foodbank in 2022/2023, but shockingly there has been a 91% increase in the number of children supported whereas the number of adults increased by 49%.

This is clearly a result of the increasing energy and cost of living crisis for low income families, on top of over a decade of austerity measures and sadly can only worsen. People with no fixed address continue to form a significant proportion of our clients. While “stock in” (donations and food purchased with money donated) increased to 221,437kg in 2022, “stock out” did not nearly double like demand, at 244,552kg. Consequently the average weight of a food parcel decreased.

People supported by Euston Foodbank

| Financial year | Vouchers | Adults | Children | Total | increase |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| %increase | | 49% | 91% | 63% | |
| 2022/2023 | 13,634 | 24,627 | 15,389 | 40,061 | Nearly double |
| 2021/2022 | 9,927 | 16,517 | 8,070 | 24,587 | 13% |
| 2020/2021 | 11,362 | 16,315 | 5,254 | 21569 | 285% lockdown |
| 2019/2020 | 4,445 | 5,549 | 1,365 | 6914 | steady |