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From George Eustice MP
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Farming, Food and Marine Environment

Dear Sir

Thank you for your email of 31 March about food banks.

Food banks have their own procedures for ensuring that food aid is correctly targeted according to their policies.

We recognise the extremely valuable work of civil society in supporting local communities through food banks. Through the Social Action Fund, designed to help expand at speed proven models of social action, Cabinet Office committed £1.7 million (by December 2013) to supporting Tearfund, a community franchise model delivered across Churches. Tearfund programmes aim to tackle a variety of local issues, including food banks, debt, unemployment and homelessness. By December 2013, Cabinet Office funding to Tearfund had enabled them to support 81 Trussell Trust food bank franchises.

George Eustice

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Different organisations take different approaches. Some limit access to 3 times in any six months. Some require a referral from a local authority or charity. However, others allow "self-referral" and have no restriction.

George



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