

### Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme

- To review the sustainability of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme and sustainably post funding ending in April 2025
- To formally note the update on the take up of Free School Meals and the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

#### Torbay HAF Data:

<b>Easter</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
No. of providers	6	8	10	11
No. of holiday clubs	12	16	20	21
Total places available	397	580	621	641
Total no. of CYP reached	321*	998	947	796
No. of FSM eligible CYP	321	796	764	736
No. of FSM Primary CYP	239	602	637	616
No. of FSM Secondary CYP	82	194	127	120

*\*Only recorded FSM eligible CYP*

<b>Summer</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
No. of providers	8	7	8	9
No. of holiday clubs	21	17	19	19
Total places available	856	711	574	611
Total no. of CYP reached	1,496	3,591	1,571	1,288
No. of FSM eligible CYP	1,275	2,606	1,229	1,081
No. of FSM Primary CYP	986	2,225	947	900
No. of FSM Secondary CYP	289	381	282	181

<b>Christmas</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
No. of providers	9	7	9
No. of holiday clubs	12	13	19
Total places available	696	545	606
Total no. of CYP reached	635	507	706
No. of FSM eligible CYP	629	449	584
No. of FSM Primary CYP	563	337	484
No. of FSM Secondary CYP	72	112	100

<b>Total annual data</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
No. of holiday clubs	45	46	58
Total places available	1,949	1,836	1,801
Total CYP reached	2,452	5,096	3,859
No. of FSM CYP	2,225	3,851	2,577
No. of FSM Primary CYP	1,788	3,164	2,068
No. of FSM Secondary CYP	443	687	509

### **Narrative:**

The Pandemic and Strep A both impacted on the numbers of children accessing the HAF holiday clubs, but they also became a lifeline for children and families feeling vulnerable and isolated during that period.

We continually receive feedback from parents and carers on how they rely on HAF for support in relation to providing a hot and healthy meal, continuing to offer a routine during the holidays for their children, offering a safe and fun environment, offering opportunities to learn new skills and to make new friends, and allowing them to have time apart from their children which gives them time to catch up with chores or to take space for themselves, or to give their attention to another child or family member, which helps prevent family tension and lead to potential family breakdowns.

We also know that friendships and support networks between parents and carers have been formed as a result of HAF existing, and where holiday clubs have directly involved parents in their offer, it has helped strengthen the relationships between the parents and their child/ren.

The relationship between the providers, whilst competitive when applying to run their holiday clubs is positive once that process has been completed, and they meet regularly, share external providers such as caterers where possible, and communicate regularly about vacant spaces, uptake, concerns etc. Most of the providers have a regular presence in the community so they really get to know the local families and the wider community.

Through the HAF holiday clubs, we have been able to raise safeguarding concerns (including a child disclosing abuse at home), we have prevented a mum from taking her own life (she disclosed that she had dropped the children off with the intent to leave them), supported a family to flee an abusive relationship, assist several families struggling financially - unable to provide food, and also Christmas gifts for their children, and help with many more very 'real' situations for families.

With this being said, the children and young people attending the holiday clubs have also achieved so much! Children have learned how to fix and ride bikes, been in the sea for the first time, learned how to surf, they've taken part in plays, created and performed music, taken part in sporting activities and mindfulness activities, they have learned how to cook, learned how to grow food and plants, taken part in lots of craft activities, spent time on the beach learning about the seaside, spent time in the woods learning about nature, learned about healthy eating and food etc.

They have grown in confidence, made new friends, built relationships with trusted adults, been active, been well fed, and had fun!

### Funding:

The total grant funding Torbay has received has decreased but costs of provision have increased significantly.

	Total grant funding allocated	FSM eligible children and young people
2021	£611,890	5,179
2022	£575,560	5,216
2023	£548,820	5,451
2024	£537,200	5,301

**Sustainability:** We are continuing to encourage providers to become Ofsted registered to ensure that they can deliver holiday club provision in 2025 for parents and carers that are eligible to tax-free childcare.

The priorities – the role that HAF has had over the last few years in Torbay apart from the points listed above has been to 'be present'. The holiday periods can be difficult for families and for communities when there is little to no accessible or funded provision available. Some families struggle financially to **provide meals for their children**, some need **somewhere to go to be safe**, some need warm spaces to go to, some need to be around other children or to be with other people their own age, or in similar situations to them.

The HAF Programme has always been larger than just the commissioned provision, the ripple effect of school and community-based provision is long-lasting, and other contributors, funders and individuals make up the success of the programme to date.

**HAF Providers – past and present:** Imagine Torbay Multicultural Group, Kinetics Sports Group, Glo Torbay/Love Enterprise CIC, Premier Education, Lifeworks, Play Torbay, Taleblazers, Shear Soccer, Torbay Youth Trust, Roselands Nursey, Great Parks Community Centre, Turning Heads, Sporty Stars, Pro Coaching, Achieve 4 All, Libraries Unlimited, Plymouth Argyle Community Trust.

**Other organisations linked through the providers:** Sanctuary Housing, Morrisons Supermarket in Paignton, Cycle Torbay, Moore to Sea, Weird Sticks, Animal Encounters, Foxhole Community Centre, Barton Cricket Club, The Acorn Centre, Watcombe Primary School, Sherwell Valley Primary School, Combe Pafford School, Abbey School, St Marychurch Primary School, Torre Primary School, Upton St James C of E Primary School, Torquay Boys Grammar School, St Cuthbert Mayne School, Hayes Primary School, Sacred Heart RC Primary School, Cockington

Primary School, Paignton Academy, Brixham Rugby Club, Brixham College, St Margaret Clitherow School, Eden Park Primary School, Brixham C of E Primary School, Upton Vale Church, The Works in Paignton, Sovereign Housing, iBounce, Cosmo the Clown, Pot Gang, Dan Magness Football Freestyler and many more.

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