

# **Holiday activities and food programme annual report.**

An annual report for the Department of Education on the Westmorland and Furness Holiday Activities and Food Programme in 2023.

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## 1. Background

The Department for Education recognised that school holidays can be pressure points for some families because of increased costs (such as food and childcare) and reduced incomes. Historically, these financial disadvantages result in many children and young people being:

- less likely to access organised out-of-school activities.
- more likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health.
- more likely to experience social isolation.

Cumbria's Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) has been running since 2021 and was initially managed by Cumbria County Council. In April 2023 Cumbria County Council went through Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and was subsequently split into two councils, Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council. This report will cover the programme delivered by Westmorland and Furness council, now referred to as the Westmorland and Furness Holiday Activities and Food Programme.

For the 2023 programme, Westmorland and Furness was allocated £442,230 based on data that there were 3,953 children in receipt of means tested free school meals.

## 2. Governance

### HAF Partnership Group

To ensure a clear strategic direction for Westmorland and Furness, we have a Strategic Partnership Group that meets bi-monthly. The group consists of members from, Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council, Public Health, the Integrated Children's Board and the Voluntary and Community Sector (Fig.1). The purpose of the steering group is to ensure that there is a multi-agency group focused on the strategic delivery of HAF and to allow opportunities to reduce duplication of services, deliver a balanced evaluation of local arrangement and ensure children and young people in Westmorland and Furness eligible for accessing HAF provision are effectively supported to do so.

### Provider Operational Working Group

The group supports coordination of a comprehensive county-wide offer of holiday activities and healthy food across Easter, summer and winter 2021-2025 which adheres to the guidelines and criteria set out under the DfE's HAF programme and which support the 'holiday experience gap' and underlying messaging relating to children's health and family food insecurity with a focus on disadvantaged children, young people who are eligible for means tested Free School Meals (FSMs) and other children eligible through other circumstances.

In addition to the strategic and operational working groups, before and after every holiday period the team bring providers together to ensure they have all they need to run their programmes successfully and to celebrate their achievements. We also use these sessions to look at what has worked well, what hasn't worked so well and what we can do in the future. It also gives providers an opportunity to work together to get the best outcomes for children and young people.

In 2021 when reviewing the eligibility of the programme we quickly realised that the Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility didn't offer a free place to all children who could benefit from the programme. The decision was made to request 15% of the funding to be extended to provide places for children and young people who are considered as vulnerable or 'in need'.

We extended our places to children assessed as being in need, to include the following:

- Cared for and care experienced children or young adult
- Children or young adults on Resettlement Schemes
- Children or young adults seeking asylum
- A young adult who is not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
- Children or young adults at risk of being involved in crime

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- Children or young adults living in areas of deprivation
- A family in crisis
- Young Carers

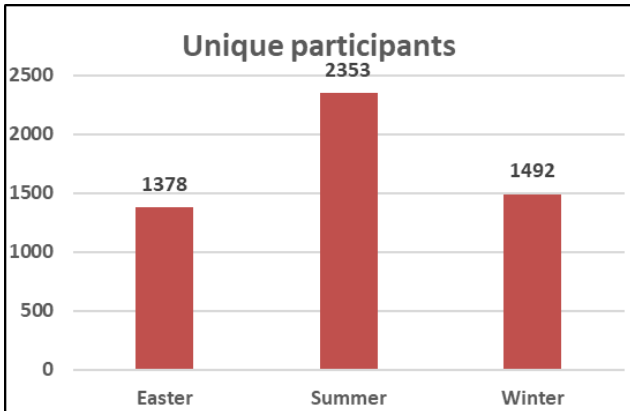
Children or young adults who is classed as SEND or on a EHCP but not on free school meals up to the age of 18.

FIG 1. HAF Service delivery & governance model

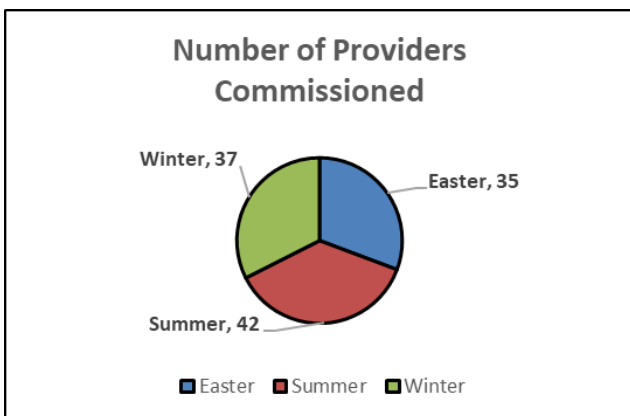


### 3. HAF highlights – Westmorland and Furness

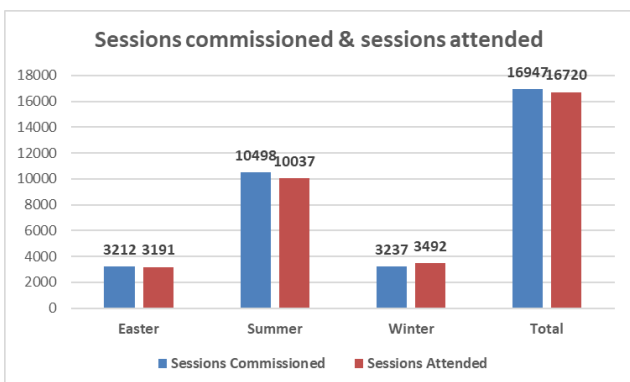
FIG 2. HAF 2023 programme highlights



In 2023 we had consistent number of unique participants attending at least one activity over the three holiday periods.

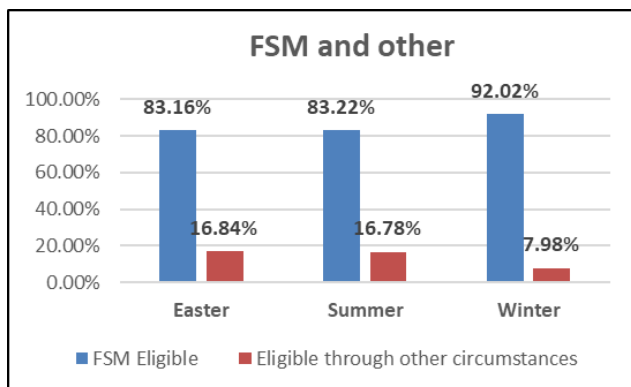


We had a consistent numbers of providers delivering activities during 2023. We are oversubscribed in Barrow and South Lakes but need to source additional providers in Eden.

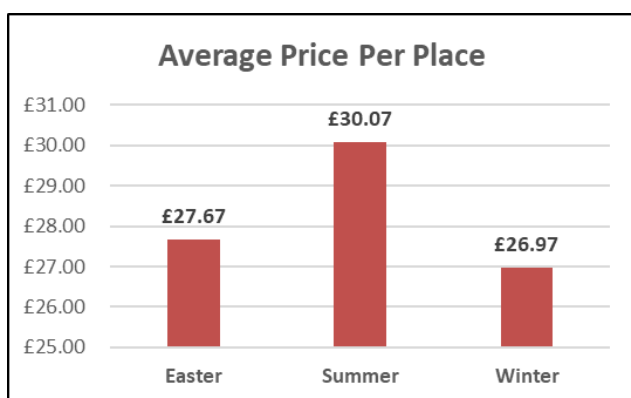


During the 2023 HAF programme 16,947 spaces were made available, and 16,720 places were filled (98.6%). There were encouraging results over the three delivery periods: Easter 99%, summer 96%, and winter 108%.

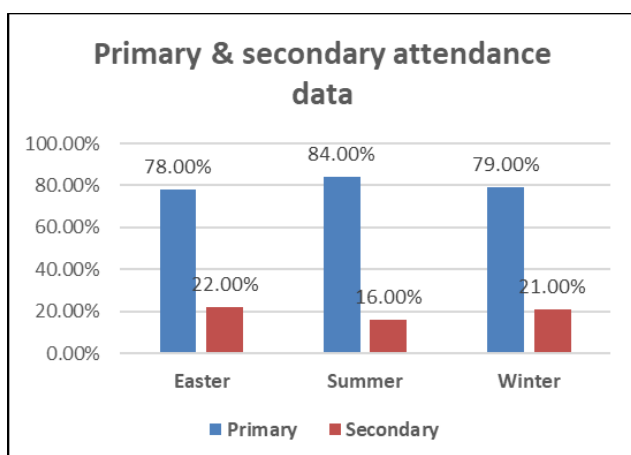
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During Easter and summer, we had issues with providers not allocating their spaces to free school meals children as per the requirements of the programme. This has since been rectified.



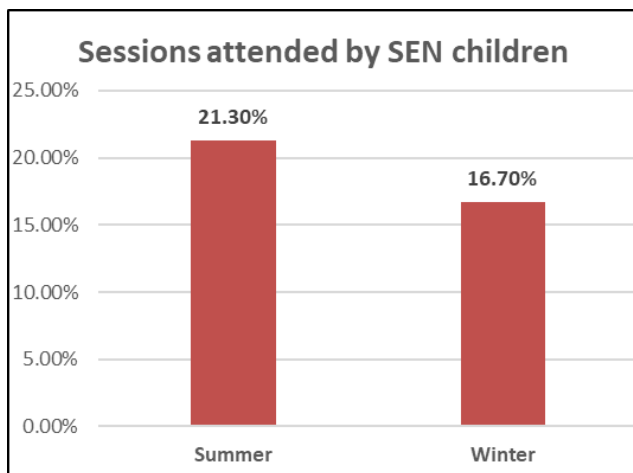
The base price per head target is £30 per child per day, we had an increased avg. price in summer due to several providers in South Lakes underperforming.



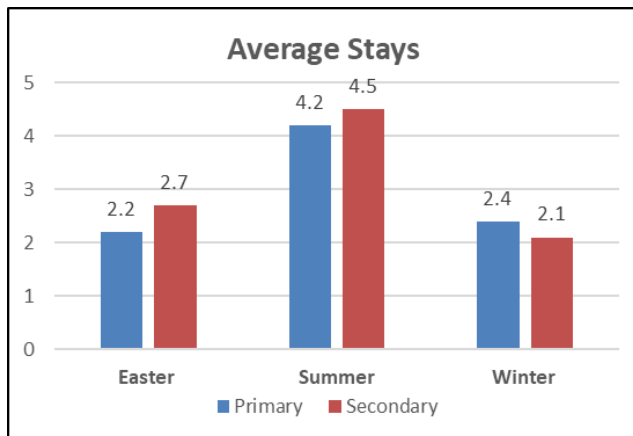
A breakdown of the attendance split between primary and secondary pupils shows that the majority of our HAF provision is attended by primary school pupils. Data is consistent throughout the year highlighting the need for more targeted provision for secondary school pupils.



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An overview of the percentage of sessions attended by participants who were SEN or are on an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP). The drop off at winter is likely due to the reduction in accessible face to face provision. The data was not gathered for the Easter provision, only unique participants.



Across Westmorland and Furness, the average stay for participants was consistent. The average stays for secondary school pupils was higher for Easter and summer, this is likely due to the fact that there are less offers for secondary school pupils, so they are less likely to move around different providers.

## 4. Commissioning, procurement arrangement and governance

The HAF Project Team is responsible for the commissioning and procurement of HAF providers. We commission three times per year (Easter, summer & winter). Providers are invited to submit applications and our Commissioning Officer will work alongside the providers to ensure that the application is ready to submit to our local authority-based grant panel. When assessing applications, we score applications on the following areas:

- Evidence that they are aware of and can deliver the key requirements of the HAF programme
- Value for money
- Ability to reach target audience
- Delivery area
- Programme target group (primary, secondary, SEN)
- Previous performance

Successful applicants must undertake a full governance check.

Below is an example of the timelines and activity that we use for each holiday period.

Fig 3. Summer 2023 example

Activity	Date	Who
Summer application forms available to providers	25th March	HAF Providers
Summer application deadline	12th May	HAF Providers
Review of submissions	17th May	Council based Grant Panel
Queries issued to providers	19th May	Commissioning Officer
Award letters issued to providers	29th May	HAF Project Team
Payment for delivery	Once all governance documents are in place	HAF Project Team and Finance
Deadline for all Data submission by providers	29th September	HAF Providers

## Due diligence

As part of our due diligence, we conduct full governance checks on all HAF providers every 12 months; below is a list of what we require for this.

- Evidence of current Public Liability and Employer's Liability insurance
- Health and Safety, Safeguarding Children, Data Protection and Equality Policies
- Confirmation that all staff and/or volunteers working on your HAF sessions will be DBS checked, and a list of these DBS numbers
- Evidence that a member of staff has an up to date First Aid Certificate, if you are working with infant and primary children, we recommend that staff should be trained in Paediatric First Aid
- Confirmation whether staff and/or volunteers have qualifications and/or training in safeguarding children, and copies of relevant certificates
- Confirmation that any staff and/or volunteers preparing food for your HAF sessions hold at least a Level 2 qualification in food hygiene, and copies of these certificates
- Constitution documents

## 5. Finance

The overall funding, we spent on the HAF programme in 2023 was £509,485.

The proportion of the funding that was spent on administration was 9.63% of our DfE grant allocation. Our administration cost of £42,605.14, was spent on salary costs to deliver, run, and coordinate the programme. Figure 4 below shows a breakdown of 2023 expenditure.

**FIG 4. Finance breakdown**

Activity	Spend
<b>Programme Expenditure:</b> Commissioning of providers to deliver the programme.	£399,624.86
<b>Other Expenditure:</b> Equipment, nutrition, publicity, signposting, and training	£0
<b>Administration Costs</b> Salary costs to deliver, run, and coordinate the programme	£42,605.14
Additional Funding	£67,255
<b>Total Programme Costs</b>	<b>£509,485</b>

### Additional funding

For the 2023 HAF programme we were successful in accessing additional funding to increase the number of places on offer, we received the following from the Household Support Fund:

Household Support Fund	Amount
Barrow summer	£30,065
South Lakes summer	£11,930
Barrow winter	£8,569
South Lakes winter	£4,715
Eden winter	£11,976
<b>Total</b>	<b>£67,255</b>

The funds were used to cover the costs of meals for participants at £5 per head. The funding covered the cost of 13,451 meals across the summer and winter HAF programme which enabled us to fund an additional 2241 HAF spaces.

## 6. Marketing and communications

Westmorland and Furness promote the HAF programme through several different means to ensure that eligible children and families have the best chance of being notified of the programme, understanding their eligibility and know how to book. We work alongside colleagues from the Westmorland and Furness Communication Team to ensure that HAF marketing meets all local authority branding guidelines.

### Text messaging service

We use a text messaging system that uses the data from our free school meals database. Several texts are sent to families in the lead up to the programme to tell them how to book and to give them the code they need to use to prove their eligibility.

### Email service

Like the text message service, we have a database of email addresses for free school meal families, we send several emails out to families in the lead up to the programme linking them to the website and outlining the code they need to use to book a place.

### Website

We have a dedicated HAF website which is included as part of the Westmorland and Furness website. The website includes detail of what the programme is, eligibility criteria, how to book and contact information.

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### Database of activities

The database of activities outlines all HAF offers across Westmorland and Furness. Parents can use a variety of search features to find an offer that is suitable, search features include:

- Locality (Barrow in Furness, Eden & South Lakes)
- Age
- Date Range
- SEND Appropriate Activities
- Activities that offer paid places
- Map – parents can drop a pin on the map and search for all activities in a certain radius.

Link to database: [health.digital.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/w/webpage/2664GBJVW1](https://health.digital.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/w/webpage/2664GBJVW1)

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## Locality flyers

We create flyers for each of our three localities, which outline what activities are taking place and how to book a place. The locality flyers are distributed internally to all key services and are also sent to schools through the school's portal and our primary and secondary heads association. (See Appendix 2).

## Newspaper articles / primary times adverts / radio interviews / press releases / social media

Working with our marketing team we use several external services to promote the HAF Programme:

In the lead up to HAF programme we commission several newspaper adverts in local newspapers, including the Cumberland News, Times and Star and the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald. We regularly pay for adverts in the Primary Times which is a magazine that is distributed to all primary schools across Cumbria (See Appendix 2).

Our marketing team produces multiple press releases highlighting the benefits of the programme, including quotes from local councillors who are passionate about the programme.

In the lead up and throughout the delivery phase HAF has a social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and Nextdoor; these posts are controlled by the communications team. All providers were encouraged to use the hashtag #HAF2023, tag in Westmorland and Furness Council and the Department for Education. We have also commissioned local radio station CANDO FM to create jingles which are played on in the run up to the programme to promote the programme to their listeners.

## 7. Overview of Easter programme 2023

Planning for the Easter programme started at the end of 2022 with application forms going out to interested parties in late December. There were some minor complications in the planning stages as the programme was due to take place as Cumbria County Council was being split into the two new Councils: Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council. We had conversations with the Department for Education and Childcare Works in early 2023 and it was agreed that the funding would be split based on free school meals data for the two new councils. The HAF delivery team were to remain at Cumberland Council and the service would become a shared service with the team coordinating both projects.

Application forms, finance sheets, grant panels and marketing were split as per the new councils, we were also required to draft new grant agreements which did cause delays in paying some of our providers.

Despite the complications involved with LGR, our providers from the Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations (VCSOs), public and private organisations and Children's Services stepped up and were successful in offering a wide range of engaging activities and healthy, nutritious meals to children and young people across the whole city throughout the summer holidays.

35 programmes ran across Westmorland and Furness covering Barrow in Furness, Eden, and South Lakes. The 35 programmes offered 122 sessions, either meeting or exceeding the criteria of four hours per session. All sessions included a healthy, nutritious meal (in most instances this was a hot meal). The 122 sessions offered 3212 places with 3,191 (99%) of places being filled. The Easter programme ran from Monday 3rd – Friday 14th April. We engaged with 309 children and young people with special educational needs.

## 8. Overview of summer programme 2023

Planning for the summer HAF programme began in March 2023, we do have new providers who want to engage in our HAF programmes and throughout the year we support them to register to be part of the programme. We work with Cumbria Youth Alliance who support new organisations to ensure they have the necessary policies and procedures in place and offer support to gain accreditation through Simple Quality Protects. All of our providers are given access to their online training suite called Embrace [Training for Young People, staff & volunteers - Cumbria Youth Alliance \(cya.org.uk\)](#) where staff and volunteers can access a full range of online modules which are all free of charge.

42 summer 2023 programmes ran across Westmorland and Furness. The 42 programmes offered 1,036 sessions across all localities either meeting or exceeding the criteria of four hours per session. All sessions included a healthy, nutritious meal (in most instances this was a hot meal). The 1,036 sessions offered 10,498 places with 10,037 (96%) of places being filled. The summer HAF programme ran from Thursday 20th July until Tuesday 5th September. We engaged with 530 children and young people with special educational needs.



## 9. Overview of winter HAF programme 2022

Planning for the winter HAF programme started in July 2023. The operating model for winter is slightly different in that providers can run a combination of face to face and remote activities. Providers can deliver up to 4 days face to face, but they do have the option of 50% of their offer being remote which would comprise of food hampers and activity packs to complete at home.

37 winter programmes ran across Westmorland and Furness. The 37 programmes offered 1,057 sessions across all localities, either meeting or exceeding the criteria of four hours per session. All sessions included a healthy, nutritious meal (in most instances this was a hot meal). The 1,057 sessions offered 3,237 places with 3,492 (108%) of places being filled. Our winter HAF 2023 programme ran from Saturday 16th December – Friday 5th January. We engaged with 265 children and young people with special educational needs.

## 10. Overview of 2023

### 10.1 Providers

Westmorland and Furness Easter, summer and winter 2023 programmes included a total of 50 external providers delivering 114 programmes across Westmorland and Furness.

Providers included sports clubs, community organisations, youth groups, charitable organisations, private nurseries and 8 schools. Based on our winter 2023 Census, our FSM cohort was 3,953.

- Barrow in Furness - 1941
- Eden - 714
- South Lakes - 1298

Figure 5, 6 & 7. illustrate the locations of all providers across Westmorland and Furness, split between Barrow, Eden, and South Lakes. The maps give an insight in to the large, predominantly rural landscape we are operating in. A list of all 2023 HAF providers is in Appendix 1. For the 2024 HAF programme we hope to have the data to show where children are accessing sessions from.

It is evident from looking at the maps below that some of our more rural locations do have accessibility issues when it comes to accessing a HAF programme. Although we do try to offer transport, more needs to be done to ensure all children in Westmorland and Furness have access to HAF or a similar programme particularly for those living in South Lakes and Eden.

Fig 5. Locations of provider venues in Barrow-in-Furness

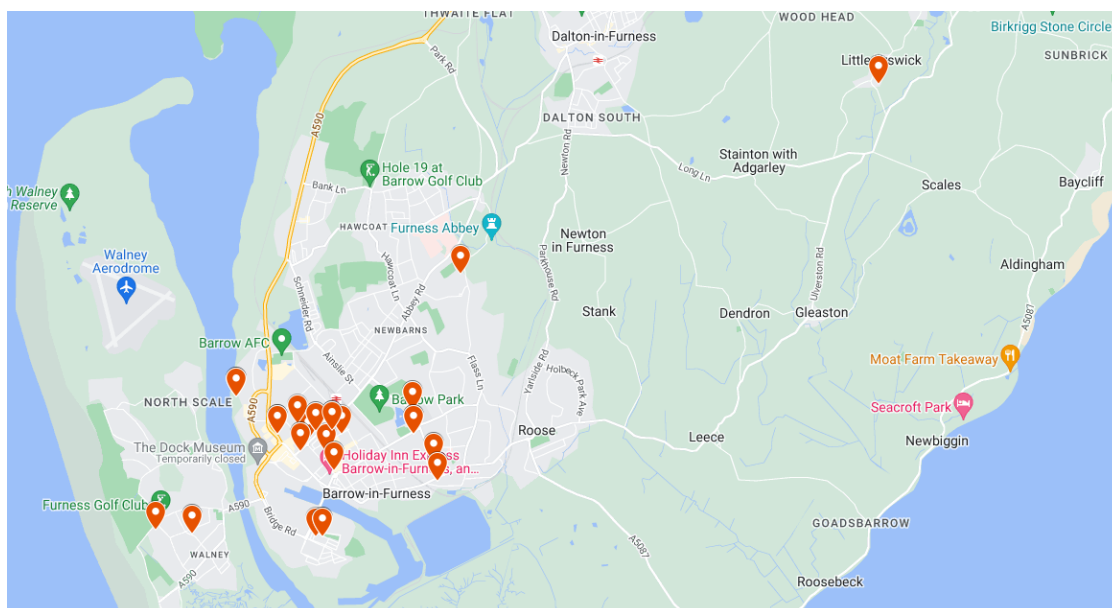


Fig 6. Locations of provider venues in Eden

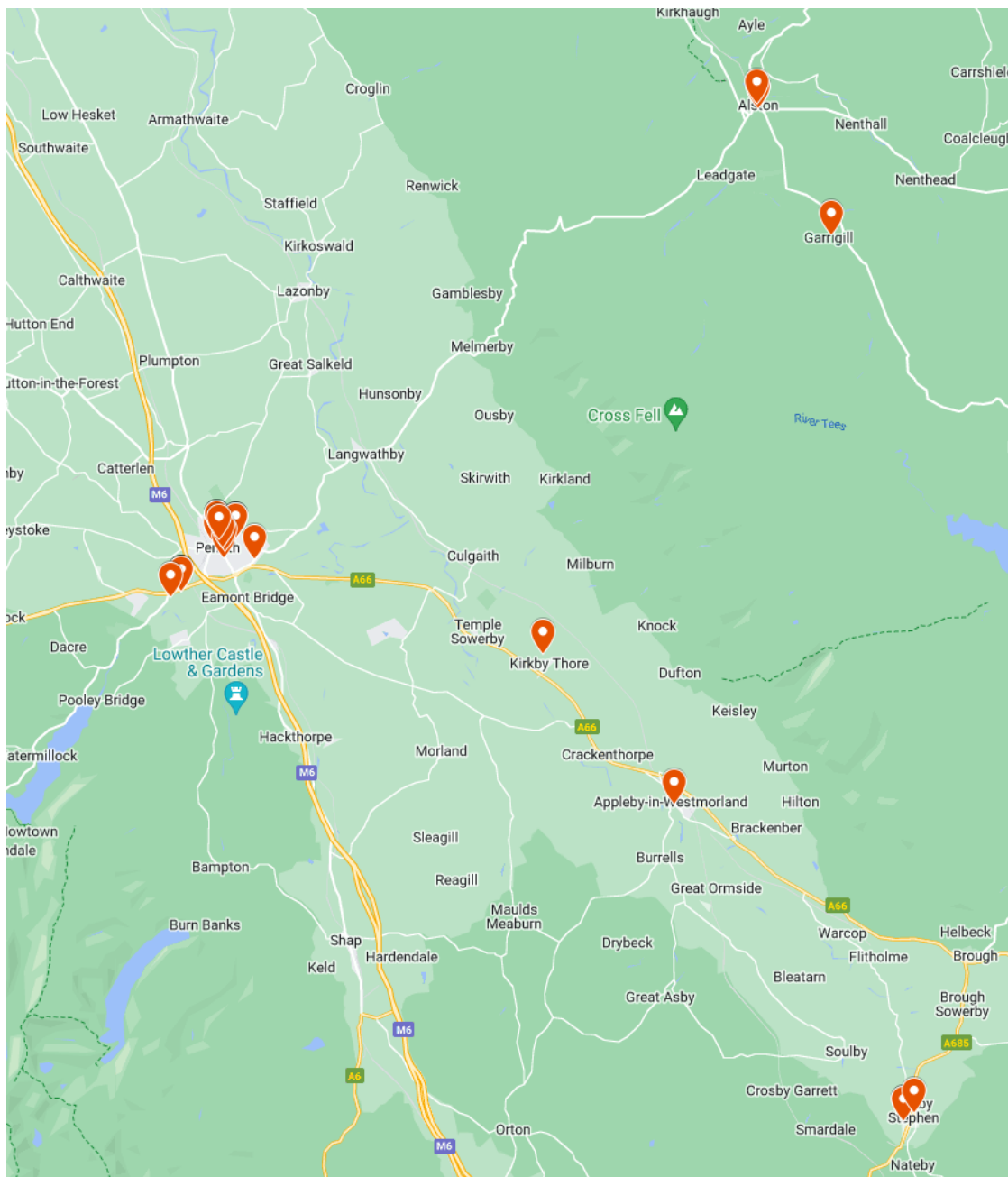
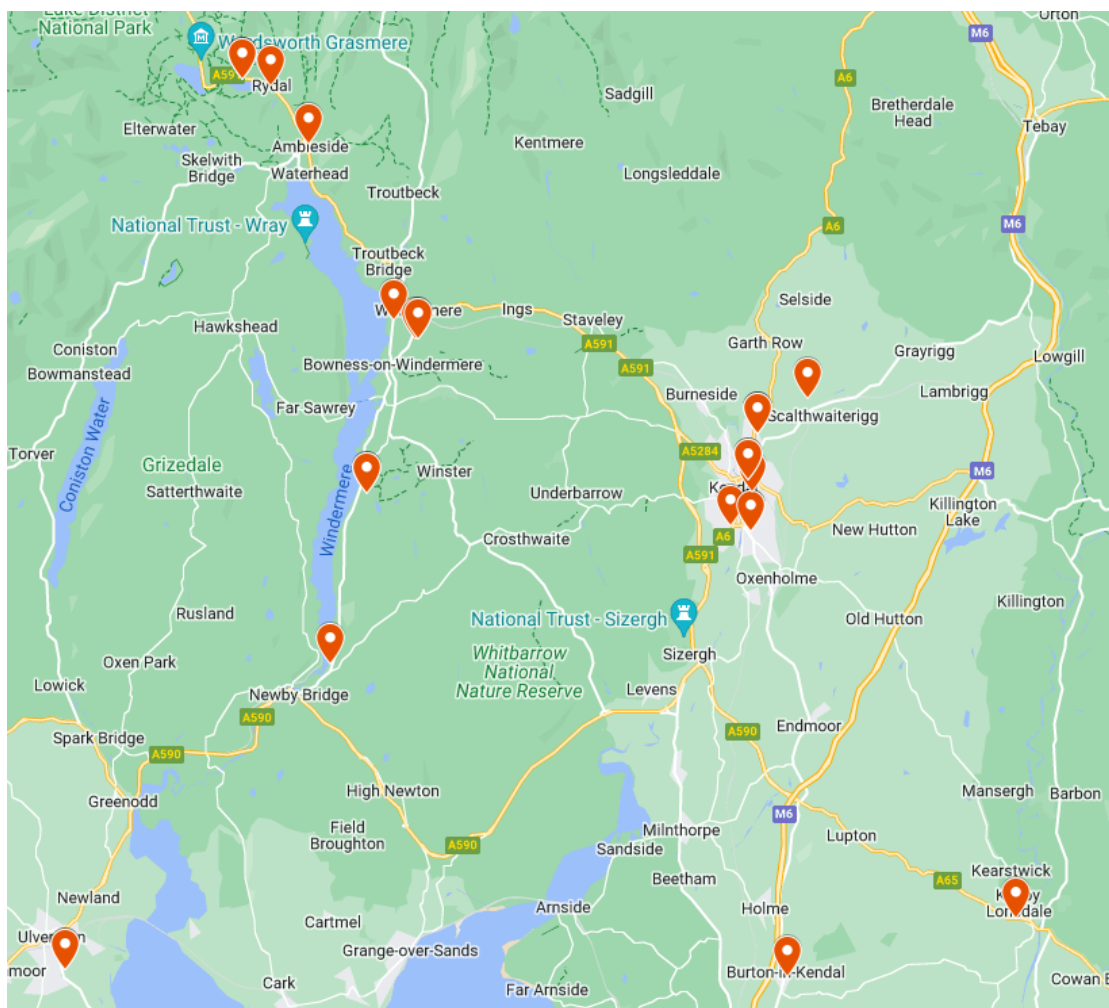


Fig 7. Locations of provider venues in South Lakes



## 10.2 Food

Providers were asked to provide at least one meal a day (breakfast, lunch, or tea) and all food provided at the holiday club (including snacks) had to meet [school food standards](#). We gave each of our providers the flexibility to organise their own food provision. They can prepare this on site or use an external food caterer. We also stipulated that food should be hot where possible; exceptions to this rule were if providers were taking their children off site for a trip, or they were delivering at a venue where it was not possible to prepare or have hot food delivered. The requirement is that any providers responsible for the preparation of their own food is registered or is the process of being registered as a food business as per the DfE requirements.

The quality of food was assessed during quality assurance visits that were carried out by the HAF team and the Young Inspectors. Overall, the standard of food was good. There were a few occasions when the food being served was not at a standard we would expect, with children being served sandwiches and crisps. In this instance the provider is reminded of their responsibilities and the key delivery elements of the programme.

Several providers did report that they were having issues around feeding some children, and there was a consensus among providers that perhaps a hot meal was not the best way to go, especially during summer when the weather was hot. They found many children were 'fussy eaters' and were having to create two or three separate options to appease everyone's tastes – it was noted that children were very reluctant to try new foods.

It was great to see on many of our visits that children had free access to water and fresh fruit, several times during our visit it was encouraging to see children trying fruits that they had never had before. Some providers stated they had had some success in getting children to try new foods by doing blind tasting tests, it was reported that many children have pre-determined conceptions on food before they have tasted it. Other providers used games like 'Bush Tucker Trials' to try and get children to try different foods.

Attending a holiday club meant that if children were from households experiencing food insecurity, they were guaranteed a full, nutritious meal that day. Some providers were aware that some children attending would be benefiting from their only hot meal of the day at the holiday club and some went above and beyond the one meal requirement and offered additional meals at their own cost.

### 10.3 Nutritional education

One of the requirements of the 2023 HAF programme was helping children to understand more about the benefits of healthy eating and nutrition. This could include:

- getting children involved in food preparation and cooking
- growing fruit and vegetables
- taste tests
- discussing food and healthy eating during mealtimes
- including food and nutrition in other activities

Throughout 2023 we continued to ensure nutritional education and awareness of healthy eating are key components of our HAF programme. In the lead-up to each delivery period we communicated the importance of this element to our providers, in previous years we purchased resources to give to providers to work through with participants, but our experience was that these were just being handed to children or left on a shelf for children to take if they wished to do so. Our preference is that providers allocate time in their delivery plan to do some work around nutritional education, they have flexibility in how they do this, but we do give them links to a variety of resources including:

- [Food A Fact Of Life](#)
- [Education - British Nutritional Foundation](#)
- [Phunky Foods - Healthy Lifestyle Curriculum Activities](#)
- [Healthier Families - Home - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- [NHS Food Scanner app | PHE School Zone](#)

In addition to these resources, it was great to see that many providers delivered their own nutrition-related activities to the children, delivery methods included: quizzes, making healthy snacks, group discussions, cooking classes and investigating sugar content and using the Eatwell guide to create food plates.

## 10.4 Enriching and physical activities

Activities provided opportunities for children to be active, socialise and learn new skills. Children and young people responded positively to the vast range of activities on offer across providers, which included arts and crafts, physical activities, nutrition-based activities as well as day trips. Activity examples ranged from football and dancing, to paddle boarding and music.

Physical activity and how it is incorporated into the programme is up to the discretion of the provider. We have a wide variety of providers who all approach HAF delivery in different ways. Some are primarily sports providers so physical activity is incorporated throughout their programme, other providers may be arts or education based have a different approach to physical activity, such as educational health walks or simply ensuring that children have access to outdoor space, are given time to play with friends, and have access to a variety of sports and play equipment. We showcase example of best practise among providers during provider engagement sessions.

The intention for HAF 2023 was to try and make most of our provision inclusive, based on the element of support needed, and we always encourage parents/carers to speak to a provider before they make any bookings. Over 90% of our providers were able to offer spaces to children and young people with additional needs. Depending on the activity and setting, there was flexibility for parents to either drop their child or stay for the whole session. We do have several SEN specific offers as part of our programme, but we are finding that the demand for places far exceeds the supply, so we have further work to do in 2024 to support our SEN children and young adults.

## 10.5 Signposting and information

The HAF programme supported children, young people, and their families to access information advice and guidance that would benefit them. We were able to signpost families to a range of services including food banks and food pantries, school clothing exchanges and toy and baby goods swap shops. At a locality level we have leaflets produced by the Community Development Teams that highlight all the key services in the area, and providers were able to share these with families. Families were also signposted to activities that would be running post-HAF so that children could remain engaged during term times. (See appendix 3)



## 10.6 Partnerships

Through HAF, we are starting to see examples of communities starting to work together. From corporate, cultural, public, voluntary and community sectors across Westmorland and Furness, partnerships are starting to form which we hope will lead to new opportunities and benefits for our families including.

- Increased reach to disadvantaged populations and excluded groups
- Share the costs of common functions i.e., training venues
- Innovation: new more effective ways of doing things and using resources
- New perspectives and challenging views within the partnership
- Improved intelligence about needs and opportunities

All providers receive monthly newsletters which cover a variety of topics including HAF related updates, council updates, partner updates, links to relevant literature and an overview of local and national funding opportunities. Due to our strong ties with Cumbria Youth Alliance, we have been able to signpost several providers from Westmorland and Furness to CYA to apply for their [Better Tomorrow's Fund](#). Across 22/23 HAF providers were successful in applying for £135,587.12 worth of funding which will enable them to train youth workers and strengthen their workforce.

## 10.7 Local and national organisations partnered with over 2023

To support our Holiday Activity and Food Programme, we partnered with the following organisations to enhance our offer:

- Phunky Foods – to support with delivery of nutritional education
- Cumbria's Safeguarding Children Partnership (CSCP) – to provide advice and training around safeguarding
- Cumbria Youth Alliance – Access to training and funding workshops
- Kooth- provided information to CYP and their families information re online mental wellbeing community
- Sexual Health Services - offering advice and support at sunset sessions aimed at teenagers
- Waste Services Team – supporting HAF providers to ensure their offer is environmentally friendly
- Supermarket's – Free fruit and vegetables
- Smile4Life – Donation of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and water bottles for HAF participants
- Library Service – Summer of Reading Challenge

## 10.8 Workforce development

Our vision is to recruit a highly skilled, knowledgeable providers who are embedded within their community to work with our children, young people, and their families. We want to create an enabling environment; providers are supported to develop their skills and capabilities. We want excellent programmes so that good quality outcomes are secured for all children and families.

In the period of Jan – Dec 2023 the following training was offered to HAF summer providers:

- Funding Workshops
- SEND – Making sessions more accessible – training delivered by Carlisle Mencap and 4Eden
- Food Hygiene Training – E-learning
- Nutritional Education – Phunky Foods
- EMBRACE Platform – access to over 150 training courses ranging from Level 1 – 3
- CSCP – Access to training programme



## 11. Quality Assurance

It is a requirement that all HAF providers are visited at least once throughout the year to quality assess their provision. An assessment was completed for all providers and improvement reviews were put in place for providers who were falling short in any area of their delivery. In 2023 we changed from word-based reports to collating reports on Microsoft Forms. This framework provides us with a tool to support the development of the Westmorland and Furness HAF programme and presents learning opportunities together with intelligence on what has worked well and what needs to be further developed, changed, or improved to ensure services are responsive, efficient, and cost effective.

In 2023 we continued the development of the Young Inspectors to conduct quality assurance visits. The Young inspectors are a coordinated group of young people, supported by a member of staff, who visit provision and assess the quality of provision based on the DfE quality assurance framework. They observe or join in the activities, engage with participants, speak to staff, and sample the food. When assembling the team who will visit the provision, we include one young person who is SEND so they can assess the provision from a different perspective. Post-session the Young Inspectors then publish an assessment report in the form of a PowerPoint presentation which is shared with the providers and the HAF team.

## 12. Future delivery 2023

### Booking System

Providers and parents experienced problems with the differing systems for signing up or cancelling sessions, and all providers had different systems. Some booking systems made activity availability unclear, such as how many places were left for a session. This may have resulted in unsuccessful booking. Difficulty or confusion experienced by parents trying to cancel activities may have led to both spaces and food being wasted if a meal was prepared for a child who did not attend. Westmorland and Furness Council have been working with Digital to explore internal solutions for a booking system. Unfortunately, we have still not got a system that meets the needs of our users, check eligibility, give our providers control over their own offer, and offer a solution for checking eligibility for those not on free school meals and limiting bookings to only 15% of places. We will continue to work with Digital to work on a solution, the development of this system is dependent on HAF funding being extended past March 2025.

### Children and Families Cooking Together

To change eating habits of children and young people, parents/carers need to be engaged in preparation and cooking of foods, not all activity providers have facilities to offer this. Given that a provider needs to be registered as a food business to provide food we need to develop other ways of making this work outside of a standard provision, this could be through larger events or developing an internal HAF offer.

### Developing our Special Educational Needs (SEN) Offer

We are finding we are getting increased requests for places from our SEN community. We have two core issues:

#### Requests for places for SEN children who are not on free school meals

We can only allocate 15% of our funding/places to those who are not on free school meals, also known as children eligible through other circumstances - SEN children not on means tested free school meals fall in to this category. We are getting increased requests from parents and unfortunately the HAF programme is not able to fulfil all the requests for places, the message we are getting is that parents are struggling to find other provision for their children so are looking at HAF as the solution.

## Adequate SEN provision, particularly for those who require 1-1

Our SEN provision has improved over the past 12 months, and we do have more providers offering spaces for children and young adults, but the availability of these places are based on a child's needs and suitability of the session. In Westmorland and Furness, we do have a lack of providers who can cater for children with complex needs, particularly those who require 1-1 support. Unfortunately, the providers who can provide this level of support are either not applying to deliver HAF or are delivering HAF and are already at capacity.

## Offers for Secondary Pupils

More efforts are still needed to involve older children in HAF activities. We have had some success in increasing numbers on our secondary specific sessions, but we still have work to do to increase the range of offers available to our older children. We will continue to work with older children directly to plan and create activities.

## Transport

The cost of providing HAF activities in a predominantly rural county does have its challenges. It can be expensive and to date we have not managed to attract matched funding. This means our current funding allocation only allows us to reach a small percentage of young people on free school meals. We have had to use some of our funding to provide transport to ensure sessions are accessible. We do try to map our activities to ensure they are being delivered in areas where there are higher numbers of free school meals.