



Failsworth and Hollinwood District Partnership

January 2014

Money management, 1st September to 31st December 2013

1. Background

- 1.1. Oldham CAB delivers debt advice sessions on a weekly basis in the Failsworth and Hollinwood District. These sessions alternate weekly between Failsworth Town Hall and Limehurst Library, complementing CAB sessions funded by Oldham Council that also alternate weekly ensuring weekly provision in both.

2. Performance

- 2.1. For this period we have seen 59 people, 38 in Failsworth and 21 in Limehurst. A significant increase at Limehurst is pleasing to see an indicator that the promotional work has been effective.
- 2.2. The amount of debt rescheduled for this 4 month period is £96,121. Which is lower than the last period but as has been reported previously the demand for welfare benefits advice is now greater than for debt. 66% of enquiries were benefits related and additional income through identifying eligible benefit payments totalled £49,012.

3. Further development

- 3.1. The legal and advice services commissioned by OMBC is being reviewed and our current contract has been extended until the end of June 2014. There may be a shift in priorities for neighbourhood delivery which currently provides for the alternate weeks in conjunction with this service. I would ask the partnership to consider extending the current contract to the end of June in line with the council and review the service beyond June when we are clearer as to the centrally funded service design.
- 3.2. Though there is definite improvement in attendance at Limehurst we continue to promote this strongly and ask members to continue to help in this area.

4. Clients by ward

4.1. The table below identifies the wards where all clients live that have attended the Failsworth and Hollinwood outreach sessions through June to September this year. The figures include those sessions funded by OMBC as well as the district executive.

		Failsworth and Hollinwood advice services September to December 2013	
	Ward	Failsworth Town Hall	Limehurst Library
Oldham	Alexandra	1	1
	Chadderton North	1	0
	Chadderton South	1	0
	St James'	0	1
	Failsworth West	33	3
	Failsworth East	19	1
	Hollinwood	6	31
	Medlock Vale	2	2
Manchester	Moston	1	0
	Newton Heath	3	0
Not recorded		13	3
Total		80	42