



Failsworth and Hollinwood District Partnership

January 2014

Money management, 1st January to 28th February 2014

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 49 people, 34 in Failsworth and 16 in Limehurst. This represents a 40% increase on the previous report when compared over a two month period. The increase in use is continuing at Limehurst Library, an indicator that the promotional work is effective.

2.2. The amount of debt rescheduled for this 4 month period is £35,918. 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 £19,766.

3. Further development

The main CAB contract with Oldham Council has been extended to the end of June 2014 and is currently being reviewed in conjunction with other services and the need to achieve considerable savings. A new delivery model will be implemented from July 2014. It is possible that the current community based delivery will end which would include the fortnightly sessions at Failsworth Town Hall and Limehurst Library halving the current provision. The Executive may wish to consider whether this reduction in provision is acceptable and if it could fund the shortfall.