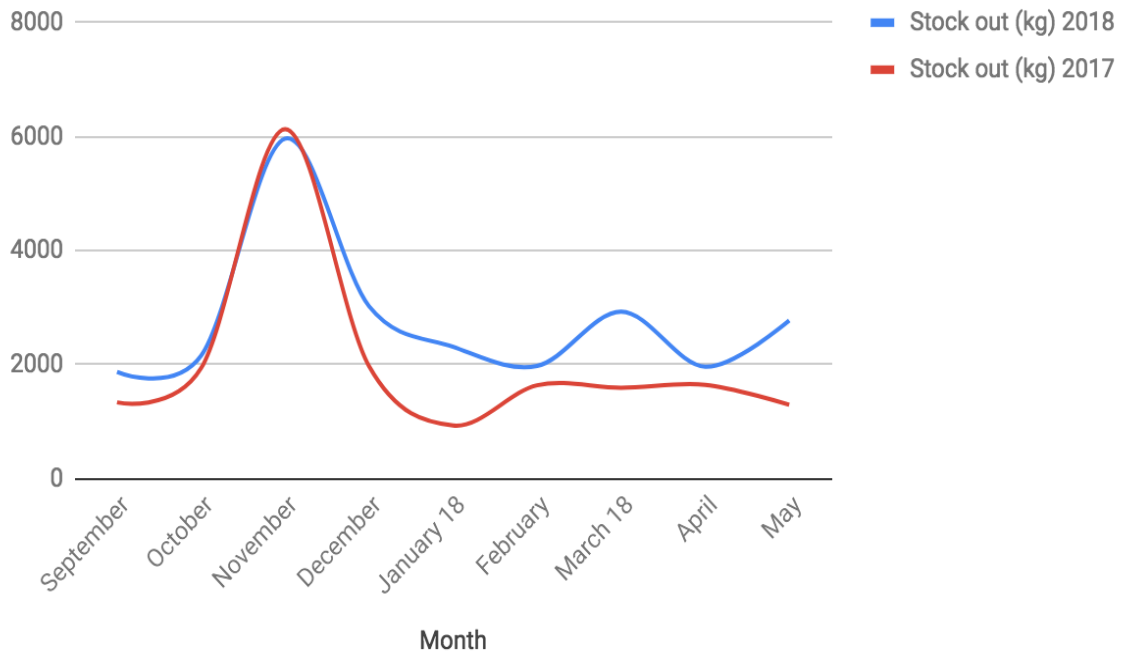


## Written Update from Simon Hoare (Trustle Trust) – Food Banks

'Year to Date' chart which compares Foodbank usage 2017 to 2018 (measured by stock out).

### Stock out Comparison 2018 v 2017

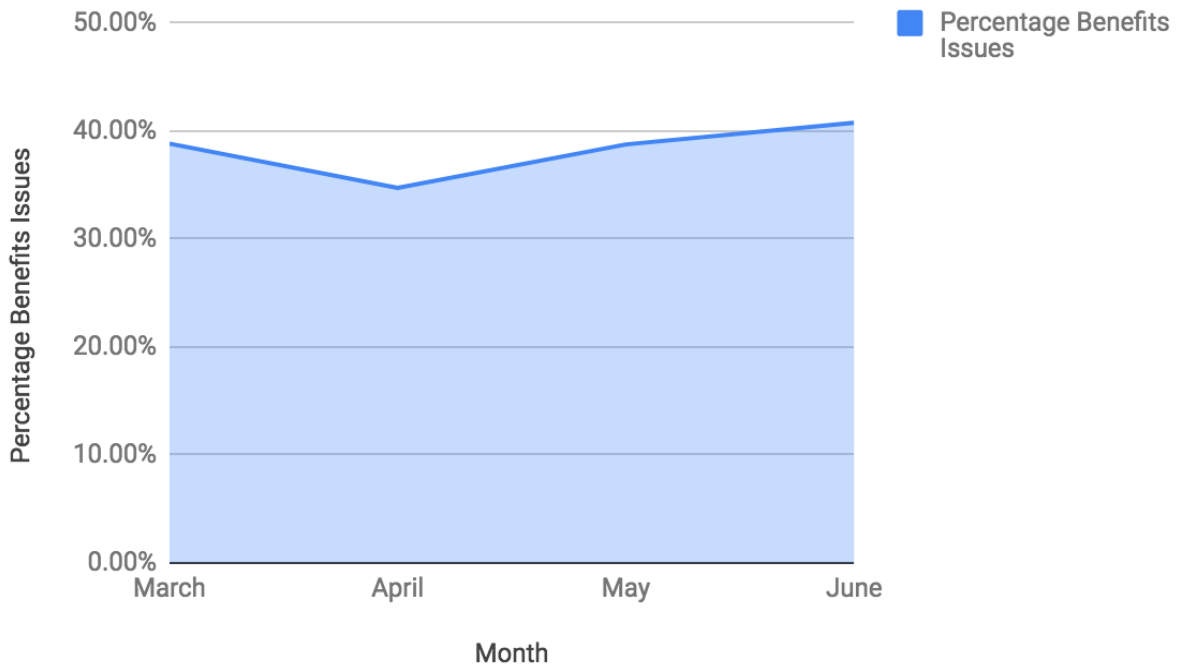


There has been a clear increase in Foodbank usage over this time. We have not increased our marketing and never chase referrals as Foodbank is designed to be wholly reactive. Food parcels are the same size so the chart does reflect an *actual increase in demand*. However, it is hard to pin this increase solely on welfare reform, especially as the rise has been constant even from before the roll out date for Lincoln of March 2018. We did however see a spike in both March and May which might be indicative of people seeking help due to a 'change in benefits'. If people are struggling due to a 'change' then we would expect to see a few spikes, followed by a return to the former average. If people are struggling due to the 'nature of UC' then we'd expect a sustained increase above expected averages.

We will continue to monitor this and can provide future updates as requested. (Note: we always get a Spike in November as stock is shipped out for the December awards - Christmas time).

The table below reflects the % of referrals for reasons relating to benefits (a change or a delay):

## Percentage Benefits Issues vs Month



As yet these figures do not represent any significant change from pre-UC referrals so we are unable to pull from this any meaningful impact that the roll out of UC has had on the number of people needing to use Foodbank.

As the previous information suggests, there has been a steady incline over the last 12-24 months of Foodbank usage in Lincoln. We would not at this stage say negatively or positively that UC has had any significant impact. We will probably know more over time so will be monitoring closely and can keep you informed.