

BRING IT ON!

REDCAR & CLEVELAND

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme Redcar & Cleveland Annual Report 2023/24









The holiday activities and food programme (HAF) is funded by the Department for Education



Bring It On Redcar & Cleveland - the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for Redcar and Cleveland was offered during 2023/24 to those children and young people in receipt of benefit related free school meals (FSM) and vulnerable young people.

The aims of the HAF programme were to encourage children and young people to:

-  **eat healthily over the school holidays;**
-  **be active during the school holidays;**
-  **take part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character and well-being along with their wider educational attainment;**
-  **be safe and not socially isolated;**
-  **have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition;**
-  **be more engaged with school and other local services.**

The HAF programme offered the equivalent of 6 weeks holiday provision for eligible children and young people during the specified holiday periods:

Easter

**At least 1 week,
face to face,
minimum 4 days.**

Summer

**At least 4 weeks,
face to face,
minimum 16 days.**

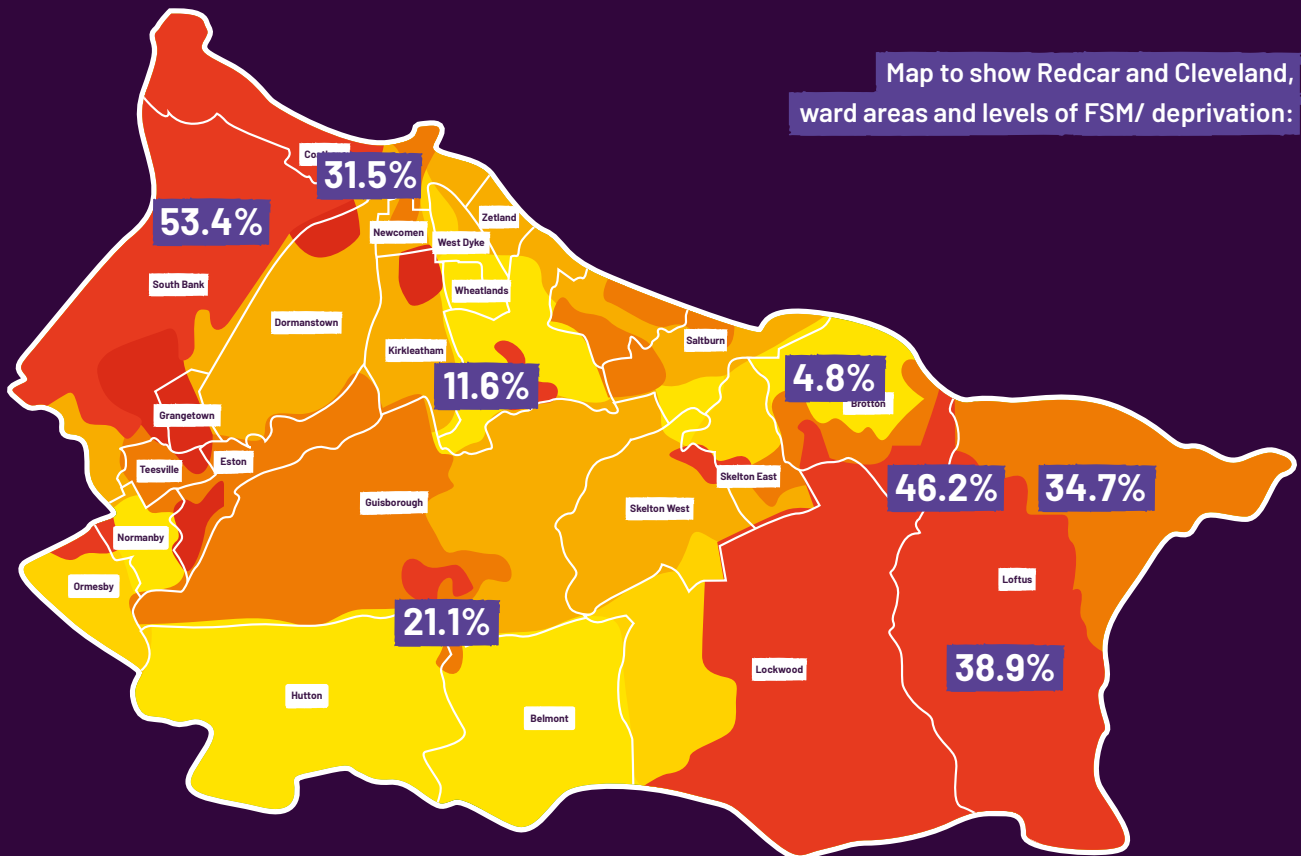
Christmas

**At least 1 week of support,
face to face,
minimum 4 days**



The programme offered provision to best serve the needs of children and families within the Redcar and Cleveland area, with a rich mix of provision catering for all, over a good geographical spread.

Redcar and Cleveland has high levels of deprivation and has some of the most deprived wards within the country. Mapping of the area indicated areas that were most in need of HAF provision, ensuring a good spread was needed and achieved across the area throughout the year.



Redcar and Cleveland HAF programme is managed by Public Health South Tees and since Summer 2022 has a dedicated team in place to develop and deliver the programme:

HAF Programme Manager: **Karen Deen**

HAF Coordinator: **Lauren Flood**

HAF Administrator: **Bethany Sill**

HAF Steering Group established January 2023. The Steering Group currently consists of members from Public Health South Tees, Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency, You've Got This - South Tees, Culture and Tourism - Redcar and Cleveland Council, Middlesbrough Council - Voluntary Sector Liaison and Grants Team and Redcar and Eston School Sport Partnership.

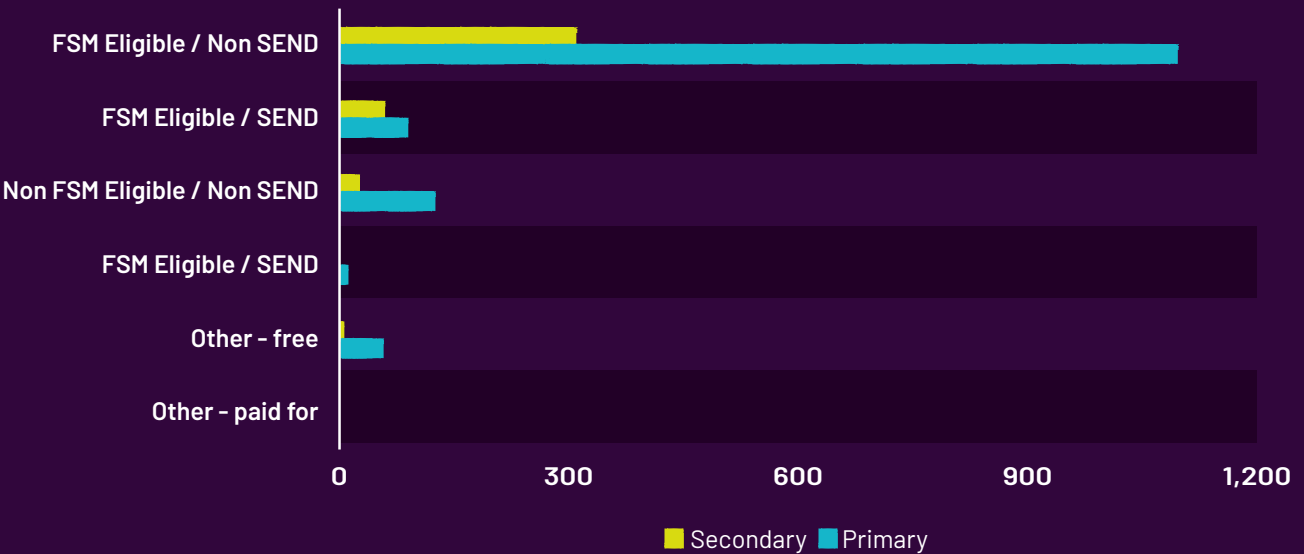
Highlights / Key data

6,230 children and young people within Redcar and Cleveland were eligible for benefit related free school meals within 2023/24.

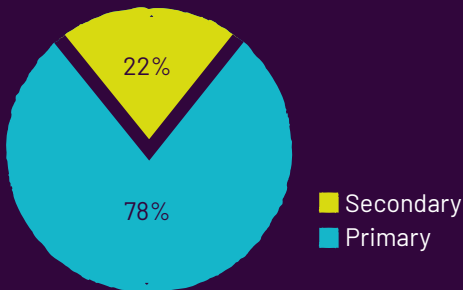
The HAF provision successfully achieved the following:

Easter 2023

Attendance

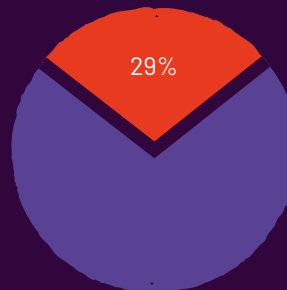


Age



Out of the HAF funded attendees 78% were Primary and 22% Secondary.

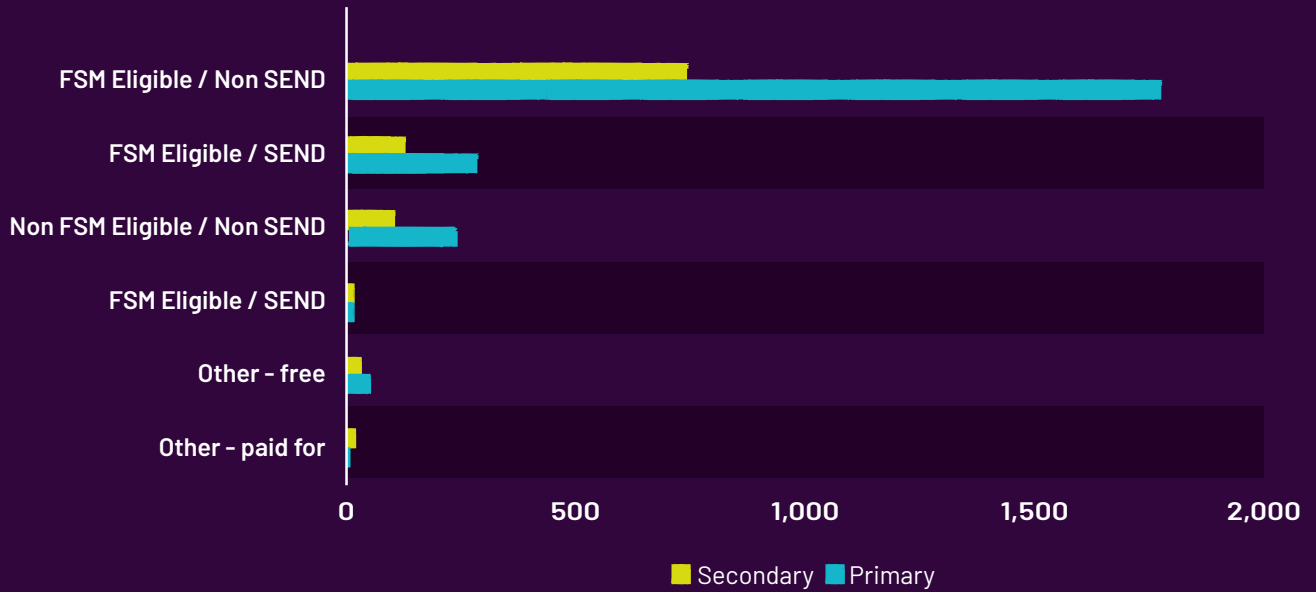
FSM Reach



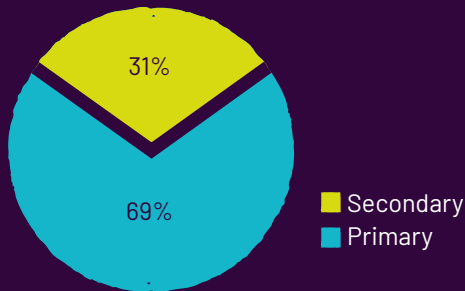
The total number of FSM children and young people in Redcar and Cleveland in 2023 was 6,230, so the HAF project reached 29% of these eligible FSM children and young people in Easter 2023.

Summer 2023

Attendance

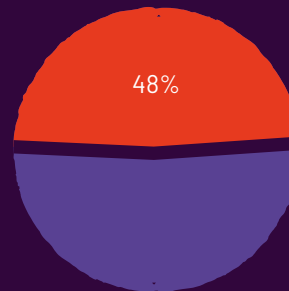


Age



Out of the HAF funded attendees 69% were Primary and 31% Secondary.

FSM Reach

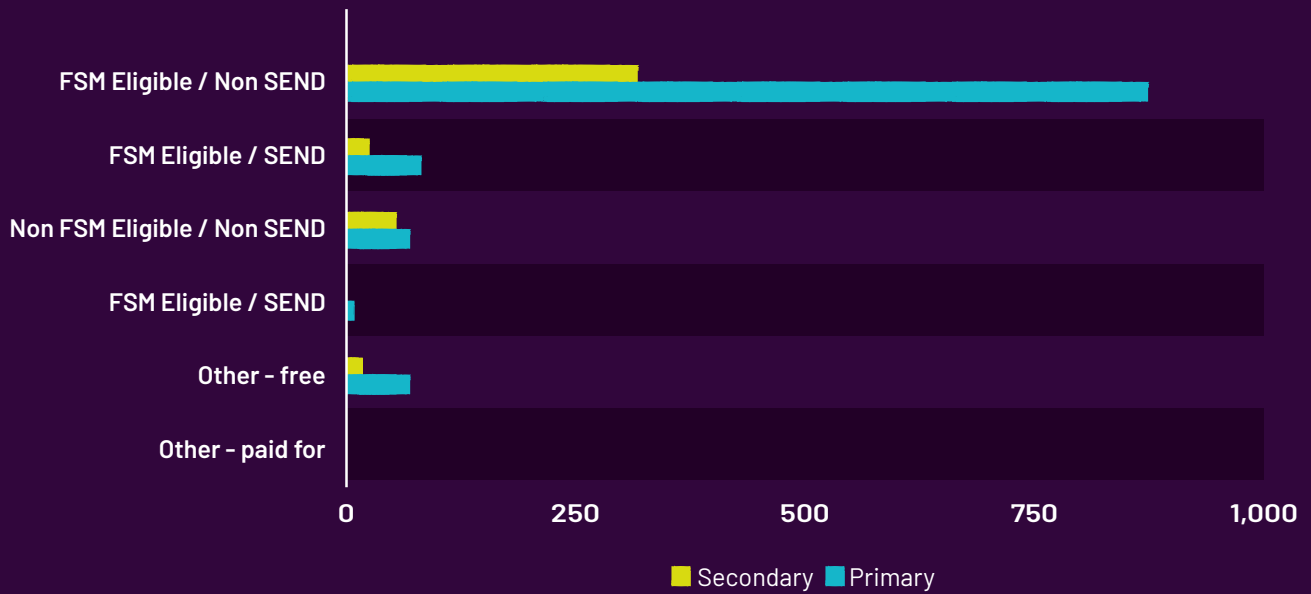


The total number of FSM children and young people in Redcar and Cleveland in 2023 was 6,230, so the HAF project reached 48% of these eligible FSM children and young people in Summer 2023.

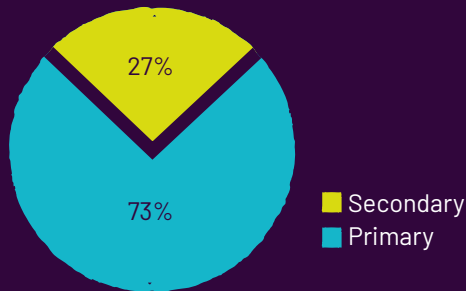


Christmas 2023

Attendance

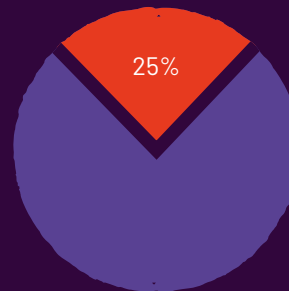


Age



Out of the HAF funded attendees 73% were Primary and 27% Secondary.

FSM Reach



The total number of FSM children and young people in Redcar and Cleveland in 2023 was 6,230, so the HAF project reached 25% of these eligible FSM children and young people in Christmas 2023.



Providers

Redcar and Cleveland had the following number of providers delivering at each HAF delivery period:

Easter 2023

34

Summer 2023

47

Christmas 2023

39

These providers were schools, charities, social enterprises, commercial companies, and other types of organisations.

All providers achieved their intended outcomes and delivered overall excellent quality HAF programmes to those children and young people who attended. Quality Assurance visits were carried out on each provider who delivered to ensure those children and young people who attended the HAF programme accessed quality provision in line with the DfE requirements.

Young Inspectors

In 2023 the Bring It On Redcar & Cleveland engaged with a team of Young Inspectors to conduct quality assurance visits of the HAF programme to allow the young person's voice to be heard – in order to ensure that the programme is not only meeting the requirements set out by the DfE but is developing in the right direction for those children, young people and their families that access the provision. The Young Inspectors programme also allows the young people who train in this role to develop skills and experience opportunities that can be carried forward into their future.

The Young Inspectors visited several HAF provisions, produced good quality reports and identified areas of development. They specifically picked up on the differing physical activity offer within many of the settings and consequently a programme of physical activity training funded by Sport England was established in November 2023 for all providers to access.

Physical Activity, Enrichment & Food



Each provider who delivered a HAF programme at Easter, Summer and Christmas delivered a programme that offered a minimum of 60 minutes physical activity daily, a wide enrichment offer and a school standard nutritious meal.

Providers undertook mandatory training on school food standards and menu reviews were performed on each, where feedback and recommendations were given, to ensure each child received the best possible meal daily. External food caterers that provided food to those providers not registered as food businesses also undertook the same training.

Each provider delivered nutritional education to those attending and many provided the families with this information to take home. Children and young people developed cookery skills and participated in food workshops within their HAF clubs.

Each child also received a Pot Gang home growing kit at each provision, during each delivery period, to take home and grow vegetables with their families. Information on recipes and ideas for use were provided alongside these.

All providers who delivered HAF programmes within 2023 also ensured signposting and referrals were made for families and their children and young people where applicable. Information was targeted at specific areas within Redcar and Cleveland to link in with local priorities.

Marketing & Reach




Since Summer 2022 Coordinate Sport, provides the booking platform for parents / carers to use to book their child onto available HAF provision. Providers upload their offer, and this is promoted via schools, organisations, council departments, providers, social media and the council website. This has increased reach and has allowed providers to use a secure system to manage their HAF provision.


The link for the booking system is

 <https://middlesbroughredcouncil.coordinate.cloud>


Key Findings & Challenges




Throughout the year, the programme has seen an increase in eligible children and young people accessing provision, specifically the Summer holiday period. This suggests that the provision that was available was of excellent quality and variety. Those attending experienced new opportunities - many life changing. The marketing of the programme was good - reaching further than previously achieved.




More Primary School aged children attended HAF programmes than secondary aged young people. However, the secondary figures still need to continue to rise. The programme needs to ensure that the provision on offer still meets the needs of those young people attending and develop to attract more to attend.




SEND attendance still remains low overall - although this has improved as more SEND specific provisions have been offered. This area needs to continue to improve and develop with the right partners, so all eligible children and young people can attend the HAF programme.



The Christmas delivery period was difficult to engage with eligible children and young people. Due to the dates of the Christmas holidays the days after New Year, saw higher numbers of children and young people attend, compared with the dates in between Christmas and New Year. Christmas 2024 needs careful planning.



Additional funding was awarded through the Household Support Fund - to open up places to those children and young people not in receipt of FSM. Hundreds of places were created and attended.



The HAF programmes throughout the year have seen an increase in attendance of those eligible for FSM. The partners involved within the programme are delivering well and the offer for the eligible children and young people is progressing well. However, this needs to continue, and the voice of the children and young people will continue to ensure this.

Funding

Redcar and Cleveland were allocated £688,040.00 for 2023/24.

The following details the breakdown of the actual spend of the funding:

Expenditure Type	£
Administrative Expenditure (this includes all of the costs incurred carrying out the administrative functions of the HAF coordination within Middlesbrough)	£68,804
Capital Expenditure (this includes any equipment purchased to support the programme that meets the definition for capital expenditure, as set out in the HAF guidance on gov.uk)	£0
Programme Expenditure (this includes all of the costs of providing free HAF places, including payments to providers and third parties for services provided)	£619,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (for 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024)	£687,904



Quotes

My experience has been spectacular, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the trips and the days in the youth club.

Amazing day out to learn new skills.

Amazing time to spend with friends, lots of fun.

Amazing time to spend with my mates at the boysie, lots of fun loved potting the plants took them home and my grandad has planted them in his greenhouse for me to look after them.

Best time ever, can we do this, every day?

Plans

Plans for the 2023/24 Redcar and Cleveland HAF Programme

- Continue to develop the HAF programme;
- Develop the SEND offer further;
- Increase the number of eligible children and young people attending the HAF programme;
- Continue to develop and implement the programme of Young Inspectors that act as a voice of the children and young people within the programme;
- Ensure the HAF programme addresses and supports the wider outcomes and priorities within Redcar and Cleveland;
- Offer those children and young people not in receipt of FSM, but in need of support, places (free or paid) within the HAF programme;
- Develop provision specifically in the East Cleveland area of Redcar and Cleveland;
- Through the work funded by Sport England looking at Physical Activity, continue to support providers by offering training to increase knowledge and skills that can be utilised all year round within settings to support our children and young people;
- Plan for sustainability and ensure legacy of the programme.