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Household Support Fund – update

Since October, The Household Support Fund has been offering financial support to those who need it the most, including essential help with energy and food bills.

Working with partners across district and borough councils, the Citizen's Advice Bureau and other professional bodies, we have been identifying families and individuals most in need.

However since the Fund was opened up to self-referrals last month, the response has been unprecedented – with nearly 2,000 applications in just over two weeks

So, to ensure those who are struggling to pay energy bills or buy food continue to be supported, we need to pause self-referrals while we deal with this high level of interest.

Once we have evaluated all outstanding applications, we will review the situation.

For individuals who have already made an application, we ask that they bear with us and we will be in touch as soon as we can

Designated professionals will continue to make requests from the Fund on behalf of those they are currently supporting, subject to an assessment.

[Details of other financial support available](#)