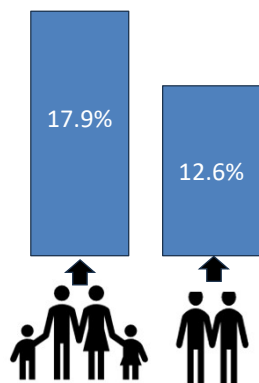




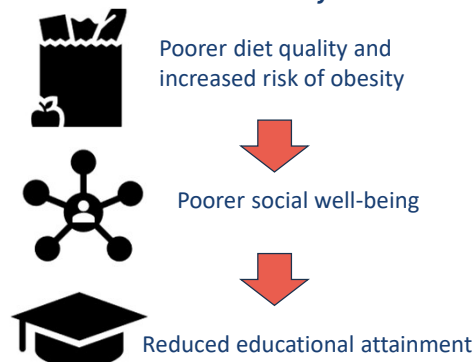
Food insecurity in families with children in the UK is a growing concern, increasing health inequalities and negatively impacting health outcomes.

Households experiencing food insecurity Dec 2024



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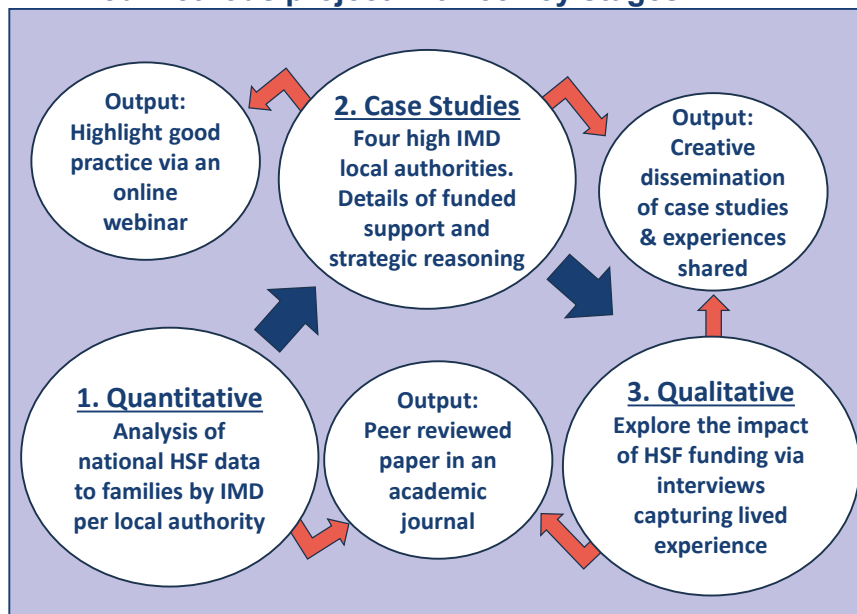
The effects of food insecurity on children:



What is the Household Support Fund?

In 2021, Household Support Fund (HSF) was introduced as a temporary measure to assist vulnerable people with essential costs, including food. Local authorities have autonomy over how they allocate the funding, some providing vouchers and cash directly to families with children, others supporting third party organisations. Little is known about how HSF is allocated to families in deprived areas, the reasoning and the impact it has.

A mixed methods project in three key stages:



Why is this research important?

How are Local Authorities deciding how to use HSF?

Are the public aware HSF is available?

Is HSF reaching those in need?

How different does HSF support vary between deprived areas?

Is there a better way to support food insecure families?

. This project will:

- Generate insights to different models of HSF provision.
- Focus on the lived experience of families who may need support in the most deprived communities.
- Highlight successes, challenges and generate evidence that can be used for future funding strategies, to better support food insecure families with children.