

Maximising the impact of local welfare provision

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Vicky Powers

Derbyshire Council

Vicky is passionate that local welfare assistance is an important part in supporting residents in financial crisis. She has worked for the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund, Derbyshire County Council's Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, for nine years, in both public facing and service improvement roles. She currently supports the team with policy insight and data analysis, as well as leading an innovative project to assist Derbyshire residents to access

affordable credit.

Keen to look wider than the Derbyshire context, and explore and shape the role of local welfare assistance provision for the future, Vicky is undertaking a National Institute of Health Research fellowship, based at The University of Sheffield's School of Health and Related Research.

Corin Hammersley

Greenwich Council

Corin Hammersley, from the Royal Borough of Greenwich, manages the Welfare Rights Service and the council's Emergency Support Scheme. Corin has 15 years experience in the welfare rights field in both legal aid and public sector organisations. During COVID, Corin has led the council's response through the various discretionary and welfare schemes, and is currently involved in the cost of living response. Corin is passionate about providing a meaningful and integrated service to residents, which combines the provision of advice and local welfare support to residents.

