* In this section you are **checking** the information is RURU (relevant, up to date, reliable and useful ). You can answer these sections quite briefly because it is just a check list.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Write brief notes to show you have checked the 4 rules** |
| **Relevant** | **This information is about Food Banks in Wales and how they have become more important** |
| **Up to date** | **The information is dated 11 August 2104** |
| **Reliable** | **I know that Walesonline is a reliable source of information that my teacher has told me about.** |
| **Useful** | **The information in this website will give me more statistics and explains what is being done to help the problems poverty in Wales** |
| **Add Web address or source** | **http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/debt-food-banks-gloomy-snapshot-7591994** |

**Key Points**

**Parents walking miles to good banks for food for their families**

**Children are suffering because of government decisions**

**There is real hardship**

**The situation is gloomy**

**There is increase in debts and people are using the food banks more**

**People are having their benefits cut because they are late for job centre appointments**

**The cost of living is going up**

# Debt, food banks and hardship: A gloomy snapshot of child poverty in Wales 2014

* [06:00, 11 August 2014](http://www.walesonline.co.uk/by-date/11-08-2014)
* By [**Abbie Wightwick**](http://www.walesonline.co.uk/authors/abbie-wightwick/)

Some families in Wales are walking miles to food banks to feed their children while others without internet access have had benefits cut because they can’t search for jobs demanded by changes to welfare reforms, a report published today shows.

Children are suffering as a direct consequence of the Westminster Government’s welfare reforms, the report from Children in Wales warns.

The charity is calling on the Welsh Government and local government to act to address hardships caused by Coalition Government reforms.

The report, compiled from poverty-related concerns raised by families with their MPs, AMs and Citizens Advice Bureaux in Wales this year, offers a gloomy snapshot of child and family poverty.

Issues highlighted include an increase in use of food banks, debt, problems caused by removal of the spare bedroom subsidy or “bedroom tax”, particularly for families with one or more disabled children, and delays in payments because of the changes to welfare assessment and appeals.

“Some families are having benefits cut if they are late for appointments at job centres or can’t make full searches for jobs perhaps because they don’t have access to the internet,” the document warns.

Other issues [families say are making them struggle include the high cost of living](http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/millions-children-left-poverty-2020-7177682), rising energy bills, increasing debt and high child care costs. A quarter of interviewees logged an increase in the number of families reporting debt, especially pay day loans.

* **Writing up Secondary Research Piece No 1**
* Cause
* Effect
* This could lead to
* The company needs to
* Meaning that
* A consequence could be
1. The key pieces of information I have found are:
2. That people in Wales are visiting food banks more
3. That children are suffering
4. There have been changes in government decisions
5. The cost of living is going up

2. The causes of these situations seems to be...

The government has made changes to how people get their benefits. This is causing other problems like they can’t afford a computer and so they can’t look for a job and so the problem goes on.

**Analyse the first piece of research you have found**

4. The consequences for people living with these situations is.....

They are living in a cycle of poverty and it is really hard to stop the cycle unless people are very lucky.

3. The situations can only change if....

I think the problem might only change if the government understands the problems of poverty better.

* A consequence could be
1. The key pieces of information I have found are:

2. The causes of these situations seems to be...

Similarities between research piece 1 and 2

**Now do the same for the 2nd piece of research**

4. The consequences for people living with these situations is.....

3. The situations can only change if....

**Final judgement about the research**

**WHAT IS MY PERSONAL VIEWPOINT ABOUT THIS TOPIC?**

I think that

My opinion is

My understanding of the issues are

I feel that

It is my belief that