## <u>Debbie Abrahams comment on Trussell</u> <u>Trust Christmas figures</u>

**Debbie Abrahams MP, Labour's Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary,** commenting on the new Trussell Trust Christmas figures, said:

"Despite what the Government might think, it is absolutely unacceptable that so many families rely on foodbanks to get through Christmas.

"We know that the Tories' botched Universal Credit roll out, and their freeze to social security are causing people to visit foodbanks to make ends meet.

"The social security system should not increase the need for foodbanks.

"Labour is calling on the Government to pause and fix Universal Credit before Christmas, and lift the harmful social security freeze."