

MAPPING

Faith-Based Social Action

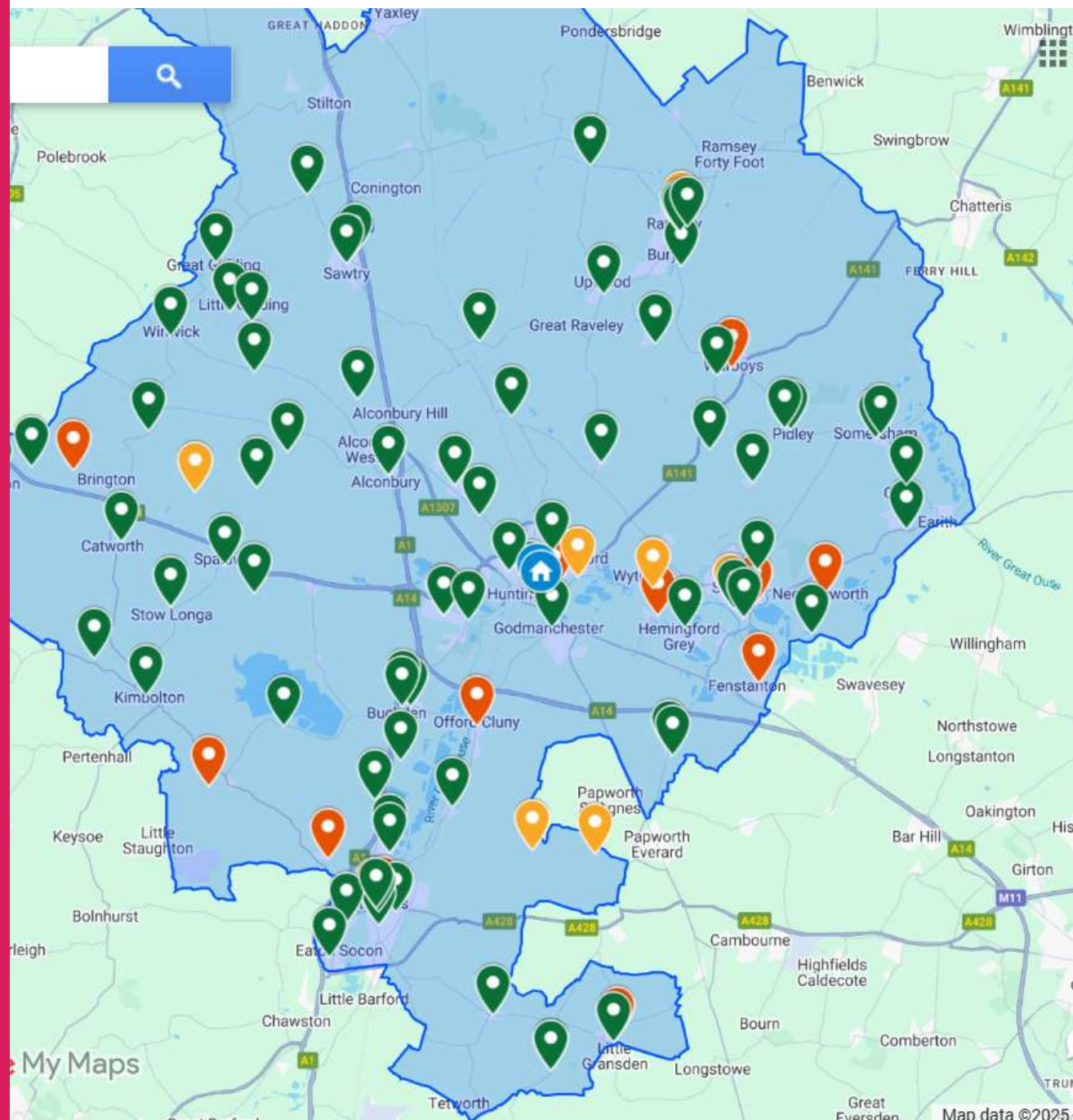
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SERVICES DELIVERED BY 97% CHURCHES IN

HUNTINGDONSHIRE

JULY 2025



Huntingdonshire Family Hubs

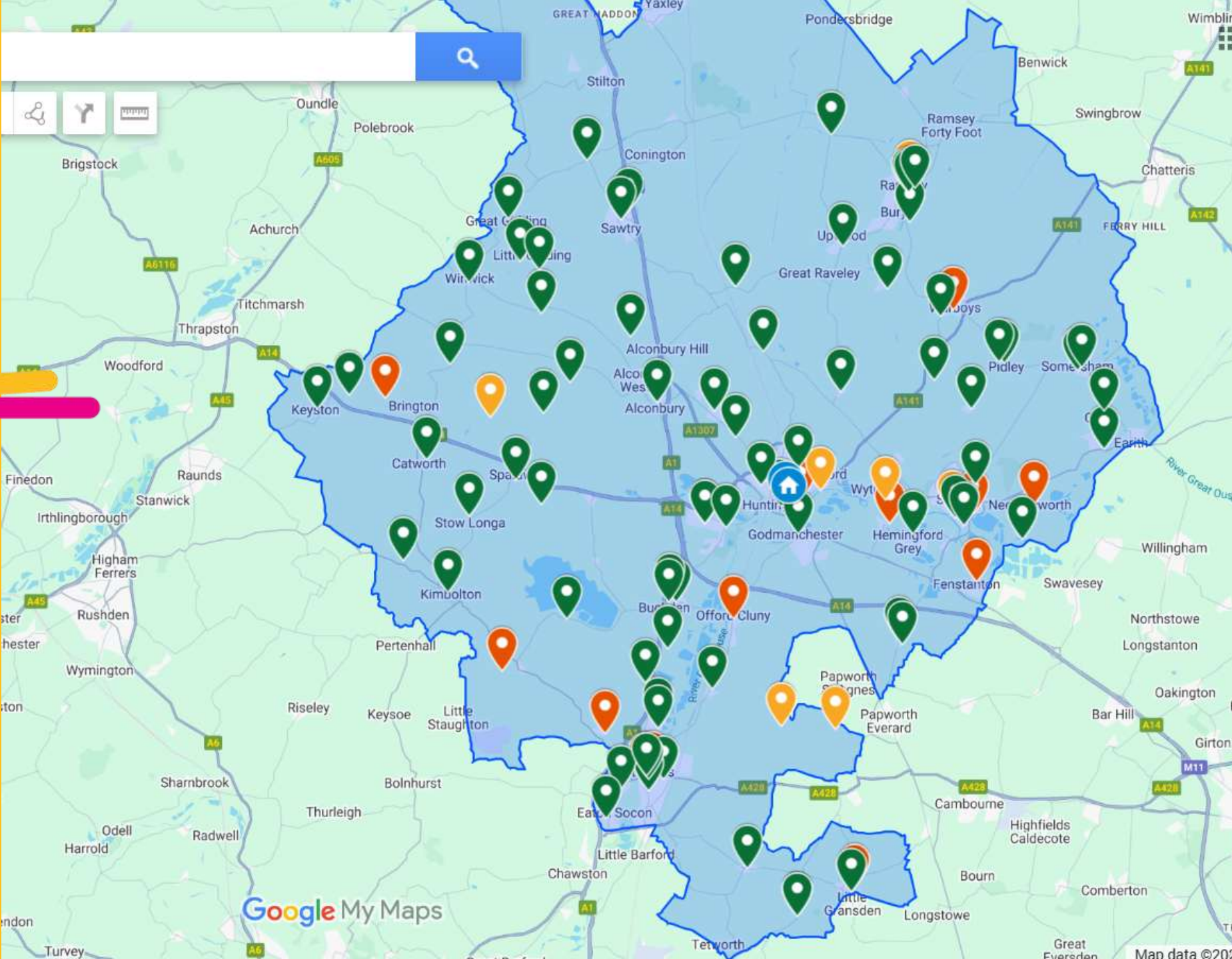
RAG rated churches

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- Grey = survey not completed
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- 2. Host
- 3. Deliver

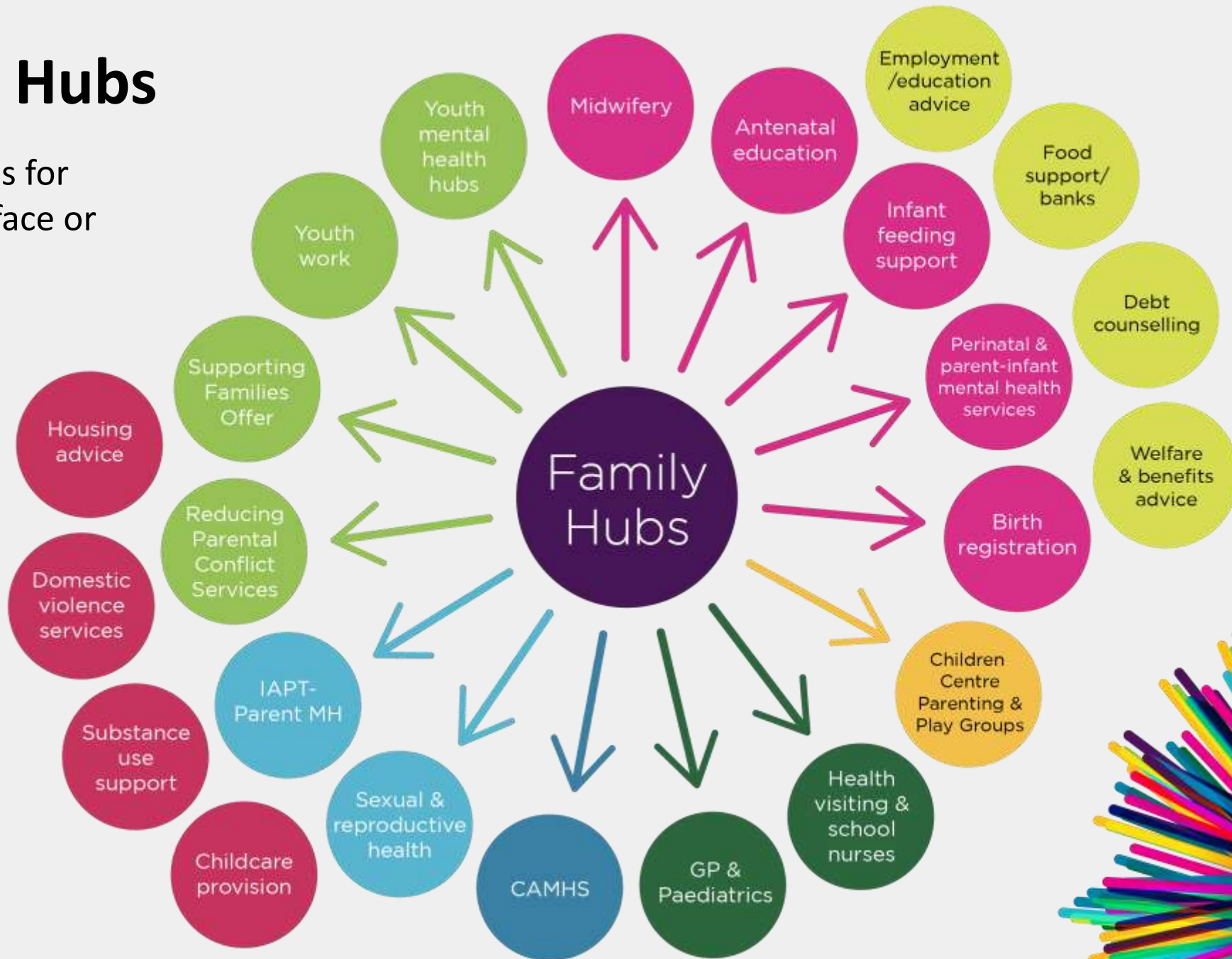


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LA Family Hubs

“Front door access for families - face to face or online”



Family Hubs | Hunts | n=100/103¹

1. Baby Basics for new borns (0)²
2. Toddler Group or similar activity (43)
3. Dads group or activity for Dads (2)
4. Group or activity for children age 3-10 (3)
5. Juniors group alongside your times of worship (38)
6. Youth group for young people age 11-16 (38)
7. Activities that support SEND age 0-25 (0)
8. Guidance about financial support (35)
9. Domestic abuse support (3)
10. Language and/or home learning environment (2)



1. Number of churches surveyed so far out of total
2. Number in brackets is number of churches surveyed delivering this service



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- 11. Benefits advice (37)
- 12. Hosting Health visitors (33)
- 13. Support/Advice for Housing (2)
- 14. Support/Advice for Infant feeding (1)
- 15. Trained Family worker connecting to a Link worker (3)
- 16. Mental health strategy in place (3)
- 17. Support/Advice for Parent-Infant Relationships (1)
- 18. Service/Support for Reducing Parental Conflict (2)
- 19. Offending behaviour training (5)
- 20. Stop smoking/substance support (2)



Family Hubs | Hunts | n=100/103¹

- 21. Registered as a warm welcome space (35)
- 22. Outreach to young people (2)
- 23. Running a School of any sort (0)
- 24. Network providing respite to parents (1)
- 25. Network support for adopting/fostering children (1)
- 26. Delivering Parenting Courses (4)
- 27. Deliver multiple “Family hub” services (3)
- 28. Deliver work in schools (4)
- 29. Deliver any other kind Family hub service (7)
- 30. Signpost people to other services (9)



A total of 319 services supporting children and families



National organisations supporting churches providing Family hub services



SIGNPOST | HOST | DELIVER

Huntingdonshire Food

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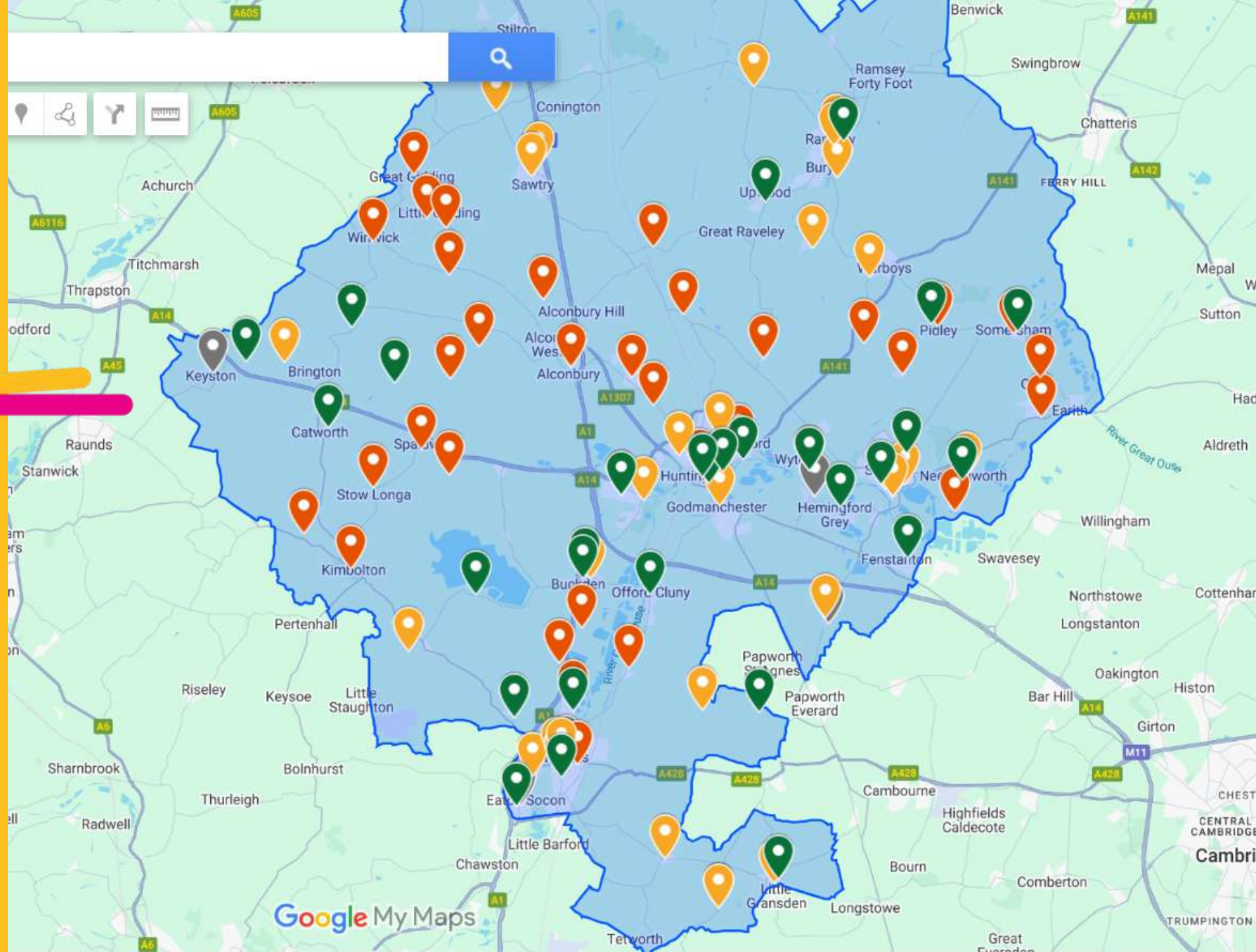
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Food | Hunts | n=98/103

1. Community meals or Family lunches (0)
2. Community café (16)
3. Foodbank, food club, food pantry, community grocery or community fridge (38)
4. Emergency supply of food onsite (12)
5. Relationship with a supermarket, food manufacturer or charity in relation to surplus food (16)
6. Holiday club with food (12)
7. Breakfast club or have a connection to a school (12)
8. Signpost people to other services (52)

A total of 158 services supporting food security



National organisations supporting churches providing food security and finance services



SIGNPOST | HOST | DELIVER

Huntingdonshire Mental Health

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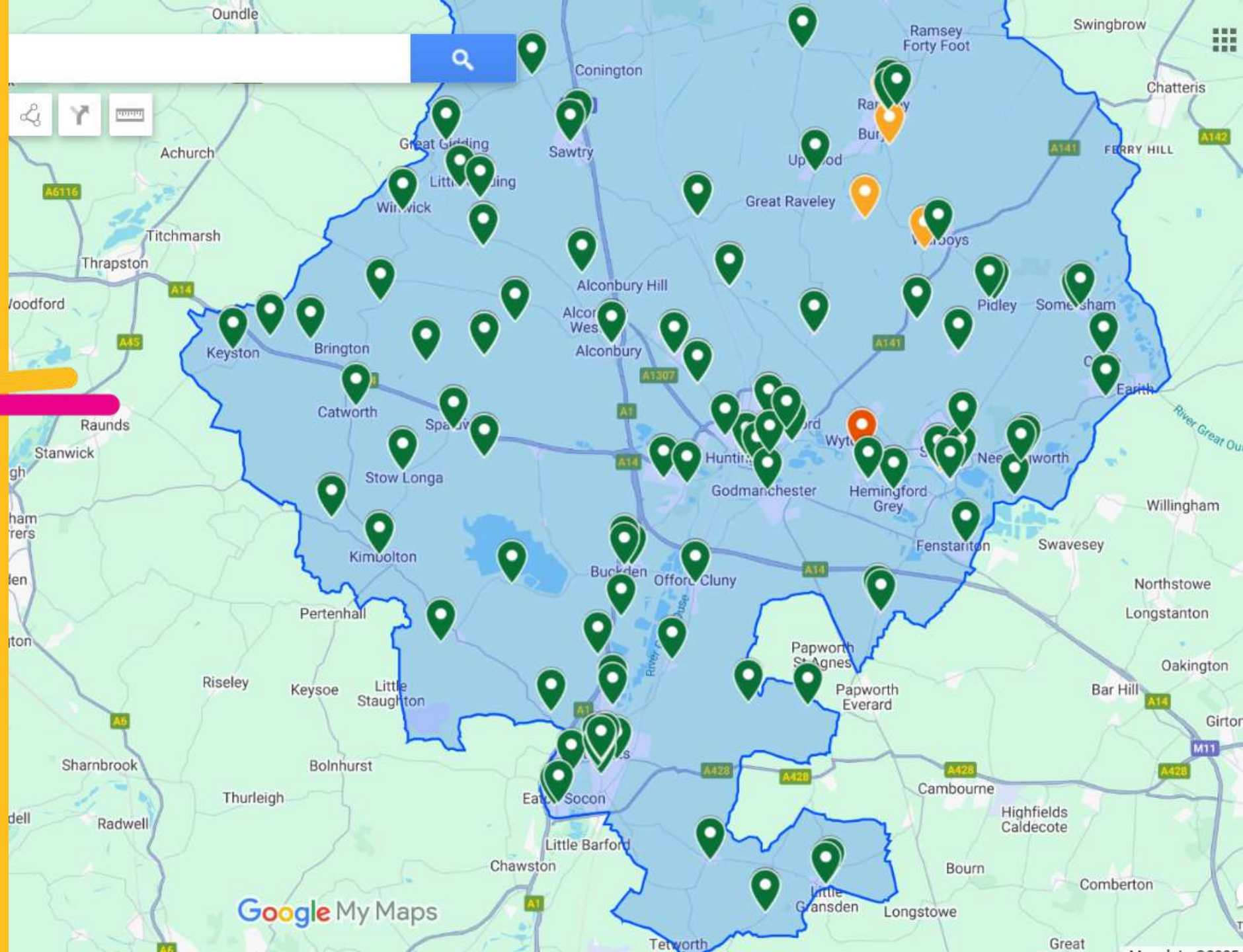
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Mental Health | Hunts | n=103/103

1. Mental Health Friendly Places Training (0)
2. Borough-wide plan for Social Prescribing (29)
3. Getting people more physically active (29)
(eg walking, running, football)
4. Mental Health & Wellbeing courses
for people struggling with mental health (14)
5. Suicide Prevention Training (online) (27)
6. Weekly Crisis Support Group (14)
7. Borough-wide Night Light Crisis Centre with NHS (14)
8. Signposting people to other services (58)

A total of 185 services supporting mental health



National organisations supporting churches providing mental health services



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The logo for Renew Wellbeing is a rectangular graphic divided into two horizontal sections. The top section is a dark grey color and contains the text "Renew Wellbeing" in a white, sans-serif font. The bottom section is a solid green color.

Renew Wellbeing

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AtaLoss

SIGNPOST | HOST | DELIVER

Housing | Hunts | n=0/103

1. Building housing for people who are at risk of homelessness
2. Buying housing for people who are at risk of homelessness
3. Helping people get into housing eg acting as guarantors
4. Providing night shelter for homeless people
5. Providing wrap around services for people who are homeless or have housing problems
6. Signpost 'Places of Welcome' to people who are new to your area having recently been moved in to social housing
7. Provide training to volunteers in homelessness issues
8. Signpost people to other services

A total of *n* services supporting housing and homelessness



National organisations supporting churches providing housing and homelessness services



Enabling churches to house the homeless



SIGNPOST | HOST | DELIVER

Family Hubs | Oldham Case Study

Our project will fund a Family Support Enabler to coordinate;

1. addressing gaps in provision for families by
 - a) renting room spaces in churches to start council run family hub services in new locations across the local authority
 - b) collaborating on a new project in churches in Saddleworth to deliver services for families
2. church leaders visiting their local council run Family centre for focussed discussions to explore collaboration
3. sharing updates about Oldham council Family hubs via a newsletter to church leaders
4. recruiting volunteers from churches to work alongside staff at family centres to support the delivery of services that build resilience in children and families
5. campaigns, harnessing the church network, on priority issues for children and families, for example oral health
6. assisting churches in developing new services supporting families e.g. using school readiness resources in parent and toddler groups.



Family Hubs | Oldham Case Study

1. Our project brings people together with our Enabler to build strong relationships in and across communities by using the contact database of 101 churches and Council Family Hubs team to facilitate collaborative working to support children and families.
2. improve the places and spaces that matter to communities by enhancing and developing services that support children and families in their communities at churches and family centres.
3. help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage through the 381 services mapped in our Oldham church-based support for children and families in our communities.
4. support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis through our signposting to services supporting families and children such as food security, mental health and specialist activities/groups for children and families.

We have completed a comprehensive telephone survey to all the 104 churches across Oldham local authority to map the services delivered for children and families and hear about the challenges and opportunities in every postcode and community across the area. These have captured the regular chats community leaders have had with community members on an every-day basis.

Our steering team is made up of church leaders, VCFSE leaders, local council leaders and people with lived experience of the issues we are addressing. Our project will use the contacts database to bring leaders, volunteers and community members together for focussed conversations around supporting children and families. Face-to-face communications will be coordinated by email and social media.

We will coordinate a network of networks to envision, equip and engage in supporting children and families. This will include utilising Open Days at council run family centres. We will also run a community engagement event, bringing together the community and community organisations to connect and network and catalyse collaborative working.

Action Networks

Our project can build, envision and equip faith-based social action networks under three categories: Food Security, Mental Health and Support for Children and Families. We achieve this by:

1. mapping the Faith-based social action in each local authority by telephone survey using a place-based surveyor from the faith community
2. gathering the Faith leaders to present the mapping and getting agreement for them to meet as a place-based network quarterly, coordinated by a steering team, for connecting and strategic planning
3. gathering the wider Faith community through a co-produced 'Celebration' event with VCFSE, civic and health organisations to catalyse cross-sector connections and partnerships around key action networks



1. Highlight the contribution to society by faith-based organisations
2. Faith groups as providers and advocates for the communities in which they serve
3. The Faith Covenant can be adopted by faith groups and local authorities across the UK
4. A joint commitment between faith communities and local authorities to a set of principles that guide engagement and practical working on all levels.