

THE COST OF LIVING - HOW IS IT AFFECTING THE VSCE SECTOR IN STOKE-ON-TRENT?

Results from VAST's Cost of Living Survey.

If more resources were available, organisations would like to provide...



Fuel Vouchers



Transport costs for service users



Mental health sessions



Energy efficiency advice



A warm, welcoming space



Workshops on sustainability and cooking



Benefits, debt, and income maximisation advice.



Extended opening hours



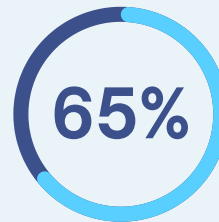
Digital skills support



If we do not receive additional funding for energy costs either from existing funders or from specific government support to businesses or charities, we will have to reduce services.



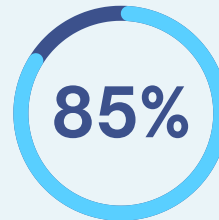
The impact on our own organisations needs to be considered. The cost of heating premises and the impact on our employees - many of whom will be struggling themselves.



of organisations say demand for their services has increased



of organisations say they do **not** have sufficient resources to meet this demand



of organisations expect the Cost of Living to cause their expenditure to rise



The most common source of concern for increased expenditure was utilities