

The Trussell Trust's statement on our investments policy in response to The Sun's article, Monday 6 April

Like many charities, The Trussell Trust has a limited number of investments in UK quoted companies, mainly through holdings in investment funds.

In 2013/14 financial year, 2.17% of The Trussell Trust's total annual income was invested.

The Trussell Trust adheres to Charity Commission policy on investments and goes beyond Charity Commission requirements by choosing to have an ethical investments policy.

The Trussell Trust's investment policy is not to have direct holdings in tobacco, arms or pornography, nor holding in a fund which has any of those in its top 10 components; Trussell Trust investments are monitored and we sell if any of our investments move these into the top ten.

Investment of small sums gives The Trussell Trust and our donors a good return on this amount of money in our reserves, which is used to help fight hunger and poverty in the UK. Charities are required to have financial reserves by law.

Integrity and transparency are important to The Trussell Trust. Our trustees regularly review our investments policy to make sure that we're making a good return for our donors in an ethical manner. If any of our supporters hold any concerns in light of The Sun's article we would be happy to answer any queries.

We have not called for an end to all zero hours contracts, but we have said that there should be better regulation of zero hours contracts to stop them from being abused.

Last year Trussell Trust foodbanks provided three days' emergency food and support to over 900,000 people in crisis in the UK thanks to our generous supporters. Our priority is to bring communities together to stop hunger and poverty in the UK by providing compassionate, practical help and challenging injustice.

